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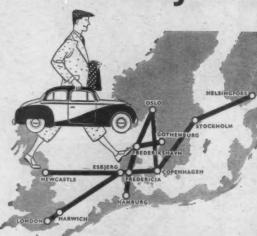
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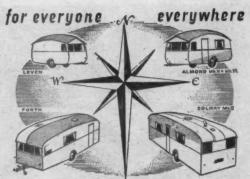
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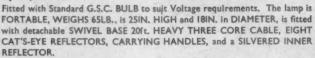


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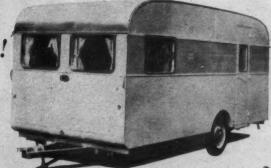
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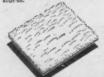
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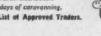
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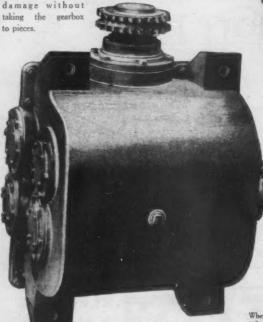
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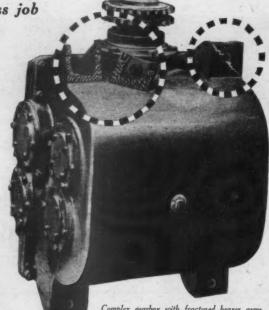
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Halt Shows Signs of Yielding

HERE is a highwayman flavour about some new road signs which will, after February 23, admonish the driver to Yield Right of Way; as an experiment, about 40 are being erected at the Safety Town of Slough and it is intended that the funnel-shaped sign shall, in places, be a substitute for existing Slow and Halt The device will guard both crossroads and T junctions, the diagram on its face being modified accordingly; similarly, the Ministry intends to modify the cross on the Slow warning when only a T junction is involved.

From the academic viewpoint, one is forced to welcome this move because it is an attempt to remedy the inadequacy of present rules at crossroads. The driver is often tempted to disobey Halt signs; it saves time when he can see that the way is perfectly clear, and it is much easier to proceed cautiously than to stop, fuss with the change into first gear and restart, especially on hills. But in a spot where disobedience could have disastrous results, the police are forced to take action, and the motorist can, for instance, be summoned if he fails to stop completely at a Halt junction, even though there may be no other vehicle in sight. An injunction to yield would avoid this anomaly and leave the matter to a driver's discretion while making his obligation absolutely clear.

Whether or not, in practice, the new warning will prove better than the old only the future must decide. We do wonder, however, what a foreigner with imperfect knowledge of English would make of the word "yield"; visitors from the United States would be used to it, for the sign is imported from their country.

There may be some initial problems. For example, one can visualize lengthy arguments over the exact point at which a motorist should yield; i.e., how near to the junction the main road user must be for the vehicle on the minor one to give it right of way. Another objection is that, whatever their failings, we have become used to the Slow and Halt signs and obey them subconsciously, whereas it will be some time before yet another command (increasing the already onerous burden imposed by the multifarious road signs of Britain) becomes as familiar.

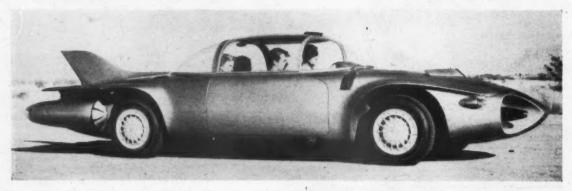
Although the Minister of Transport has power to authorize the erection of new signs, it is an extremely arbitrary step to introduce a mandatory one overnight, apparently without reference to motoring organizations and other qualified bodies. Have all the implications of yielding been considered? No hint of such a drastic change was given in the draft traffic signs regulations published by the Ministry last September. On the other hand, two newly designed and widely approved noticesfor School and Children—were included in the regulations, and these, by their pictorial simplicity, are likely to help road safety when they are introduced. Motorists, even if they come from abroad, can readily understand such warnings and, in fact, many foreign visitors would already be familiar with them because of their similarity with Continental counterparts. Perhaps we may here reiterate the great value of standardizing road signs, a step for which a lead has already been given on the Continent.

There is still no evidence of the schoolchildren or other picture signs appearing in this country; their erection, no doubt, awaits approval, for Parliament has not yet given its formal sanction to the proposals. Comments were invited about the September Report and it is to be hoped that motoring organizations have given the authorities the benefit of their views and experience.

THE PRINTING DISPUTE

AT the time of going to press no settlement has been reached in the Printing Trade dispute now affecting almost all periodicals in this country. Three unions have rejected the employers' offer which was accepted by the other unions involved in recent wage negotiations. These three unions have imposed stringent restrictions which vary in their application from one printing works to another and the effect upon The Autocar has been particularly severe. We are doing our utmost to keep faith with our readers by producing as many copies of The Autocar as we possibly can, although a considerable reduction in size of issue is unavoidable and some readers may receive their copies late. We offer our sincere regrets in circumstances beyond our control.

FIREBIRD II-The Authentic



Four-seater for practical motoring-and nowadays it is possible to visualize Firebird II as such

If ever a car bristled with originality it is the General Motors Purebird II. Yes, I know . . . another turbocar. But Firebird II, while it is a turbocar, and a very promising one at that, is also a shrewd guess, as I see it, as to the design of the car of the future. Detroit is something like the victim of the "Wolf!" fable; it has been producing "cars of the future" for publicity purposes for so many years that when it does evolve the authentic article it is difficult to recognize it. Hence we ought

difficult to recognize it. Hence we ought to take a good look at Firebird II.

Let us deal with the turbine side of it first, which is conventional insofar as automobile gas turbines can ever be said to be. That is to say, the compressor and power turbines are on separate shafts. Both turbines are single-stage axial designs, one driving the compressor from 15,000 r.p.m. idling speed to 35,000 r.p.m. maximum-power speed and the other the compressor are unwhere even whether the compressor are accorded. rear wheels at a turbine speed of 28,000 r.p.m. The compressor is centrifugal, the radial fins expelling the intake air out to the fast-moving periphery, where a scroll collects it and ducts it to the burner via a heat exchanger. Compression ratio is 3.5 to 1.

This heat exchanger is a drum of metal mesh which is driven at 20 to 30 r.p.m. It rotates first through the hot exhaust gas and then through the cool air from the compressor, thus cooling the exhaust and heating the air entering the burner; G.M. claim that 80 per cent of the exhaust heat is effectively utilized, resulting in a fuel consumption (of kerosene) that approximates to the petrol m.p.g. of contemporary piston engines.

Economy results from this raising of the temperature of the ingoing air because it means that less fuel must be burned to raise the gases to the required working temperature. The maximum in Firebird II is 1,650 deg F (900 deg C), while the exhaust temperature—an embarrassment without a heat exchanger—is reduced by up to 1,000 deg F and is left a pleasantly warm efflux. warm efflux.

The higher the air inlet temperature to the burner the more efficient the unit; in fact, the belated success of gas turbines (which were familiar to engineers a century ago) is owed to the development of metals that will withstand very high temperatures. Firebird II marks another step along the American side of this road, for the turbine blades of the unit (type-numbered GT-304) are made of a new alloy, GMR-235, already employed in aircraft turbines.

The power unit weighs 850lb including its accessories, and is silenced by a system built into the elongated nose of the car. This presumably silences intake roar and the scream of the compressor. It is, say General Motors, as quiet as most cars are to-day.

Starting procedure of a gas turbine is very interesting and in appreciating it one should bear in mind that a per-ceptible period of time is required to accelerate the compressor turbine up to its idling speed of 15,000 r.p.m. On pressing the button the current flows through the electrical system and the rest is automatic. First the starter motor begins to turn and the ignition plugs in the burners are energized. Fuel is pumped through the nozzles into the burners when the turbine speed reaches 4,000 r.p.m. and after ignition has taken place the starter motor continues to assist the compressor turbine to come up to the idling speed of 15,000 r.p.m. When it reaches this speed current ceases to flow to the starter and plugs and the car is ready to be put into gear and driven. Sparking plugs in m gas turbine (perhaps more accurately called igniters) merely set fire to the mixture, after which combustion is continuous, being self support-

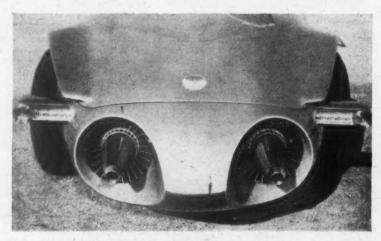
ing, just like a blowlamp.

Quite obviously, here is a system that demands a large capacity battery, with high-rate charging to replace the drain of starting. Firebird has an unusual charging system employing an alternating current generator instead of a dynamo, current generator instead of a dynamo, which enables the charging current to approach maximum at idling speed—a maximum, incidentally, of 100 amps from a unit that is physically smaller than its D.C. counterpart. But A.C. requires rectifying, so Firebird has a rectifer, as well as a voltage regulator using transistors, the tiny modern substitutes for glass-envelope thermionic valves.

Firebird II's transmission might be described as two-stage: there is a reduction stage from the many thousands of

tion stage from the many thousands of r.p.m. of the power turbine shaft down to the drive shaft. This runs aft to the second stage—an automatic transmission located between the back wheels. This is typical (fluid coupling and four-speed planetary gears) but has an integral differential and an idle-speed cutout so that the power turbine can continue to drive rear accessories without risk of creeping.

Use of such a complicated transmission is somewhat puzzling, one of the great



Twin receiving aerials for road transmitters, in order to keep the car on track, are amongst Firebird's more fanciful equipment

Shape of Things to Come?

benefits of the turbine being that it permits at most a two-speed gear box, plus reverse. However, at this stage of development G.M. probably did not think it worth while developing a special transmission, which, in any case, presents no

Control is interesting, for it employs a 70-stage solenoid. When the gear two-stage solenoid. When the gear selector is moved to Drive a part of the coil is energized and the armature is attracted part way into the solenoid; when Reverse is selected the current flows through the whole of the coil and the armature is attracted home; mechanical linkage does the rest.

When parked, Firebird has its drive shaft locked by a pawl engaging with a ratchet on the shaft; this is held out of engagement by a solenoid when the

car is in motion.

Braking assumes added importance in turbocars, partly because of increased performance, partly because the engine is not readily made available for braking, though the selection of reverse gear and opening of the throttle gives controlled engine braking which could be used in a long descent. The experimental brakes devised for the G.M. turbocar utilize a cast iron disc and sintered metal lining pads, the outboard ones fixed, the inboard ones actuated by the brake pedal and assisted by a servo. The servo multiplies the brake pedal pressure by a constant factor, thus maintaining "feel."

The special ingenuity in this system lies in the method of disc cooling that

has been devised; there is an air between the braking surfaces and blades are so arranged that they expel air radially between the surfaces as the disc revolves, carrying away the heat generated by the friction of the pads. Metal linings, already in use in aircraft, offer several promising factors for future braking, notably their consistency in the face of heat.

As might be expected, suspension is all-round independent, with double wish-bones at the front and a trailing arm at bones at the front and a trailing arm at the back. However, the suspension units themselves are a surprise, for quite obviously work done in Europe has been recognized as having great virtue by G.M. of Detroit. Firebird II's suspension has strong affinities with that of Citroen's

An oleo-pneumatic unit serves each wheel. It is 8½in long and 4½in in diameter and contains, within the steel casing, a rubber diaphragm which separates the air under pressure from the oil in the lower chamber. The chamber itself is connected by passages to the separates the air under pressure from the oil in the lower chamber. The chamber itself is connected by passages to the cylinder in which the small piston moves. The piston rod is connected to the wheel and the casing to the car frame. On bump, therefore, the piston is forced into the cylinder, expelling oil into the chamber, where the expansion is taken up by the compressed air beyond the diaphragm. The system is supplemented by a "levelizer" for all four wheels consisting of a height control valve which regulates the quantity of oil in each suspension unit.

All pivot points have plastic (Teflon) bearing surfaces, permanently lubricated.

It looks as if hydraulics are going to assume as much importance on the road as they have in the air, and it is curious that the possibilities of the turbine, with its strong aircraft link, seem to have made automobile engineers more air-

minded. Firebird's central hydraulic pump supplies all units—power steering, brakes, suspension units and screen-wipers, two accumulators storing oil under pressure. The energy is actually drawn from the reservoirs and, when pressure drops to 850 lb per sq in, the pump cuts in and increases it to 1,000 lb per sq in.

The body is made of titanium, the new metal which is exciting aircraft con-structors because of its lightness and great strength. It is not yet easily welded or plated and its use is more of a stunt, perhaps, than some other features of

Firebird. None the less, titanium is going rifebird. None the less, titanium is going to be exploited, as anyone will affirm who has seen I.C.I. advertisements for it—" available in sheet, strip, rod, tube, wire, plate and forging stock."

Such is Firebird II, the third stage

in the G.M. turbocar research programme. The first stage was a gas turbine coach, the second the rocket-like Firebird. Firebird II is futuristically styled as a four-seater road car and contains many gimmicks inside its startling (but not so startling as it would have been three starting as it would have been three years ago, say) envelope. You can discount those; but you cannot discount the features related above. They, along with the gas turbine, are most reasonable motorists' guess for the future.

MICHAEL BROWN.

Dream Cars in General . .

THE suffocating press of eager spectators milling around the "Dream Cars" at the General Motors Motorama held in the ballrooms of New York's Waldorf-Astoria hotel recently (at which Firebird II met the public) was the clearest indication of the resurgence of public interest in sports type cars. For of the six dream exhibits which were the focal point of the Motorama, five belonged in this category. The show featured some 63 General Motors exhibits, ranging from a scale model diesel Aerotrain to an electronic kitchen; but of the 29 cars on view, representing the five divisions, they were the experimental machines of the future that drew the lion's share of public interest. Star of the Motorama was the Firebird II, presented on an elaborate two-tier stage with a supporting cast of

two-tier stage with a supporting cast of 50 modern dancers cavorting to the strains of a 22-piece orchestra.

The other four dream cars in the sports category were the Pontiac Club de Mer, the Oldsmobile Golden Rocket, the Buick Centurion and the Chevrolet Impala. Although the styling of each is radical, the mechanical features are pretty much routine and all have conventional niston engines.

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The Club de Mer is a two-seater with dorsal fin, two bubble-type windscreens and a retractable nose panel which embodies the head lights. It is finished in Cerulean blue anodized brushed aluminium with red leather upholstery. The engine is the 300 b.h.p. Pontiac Strato-Streak unit and the gear box (synchromesh) is rear-mounted for reduced mesh) is rear-mounted for

unsprung weight.
The Golden Rocket bears a faint resemblance in profile to a Mercedes 300SL, but there the similarity ends. Fibreglass is used for the body which is finished in metalescent gold with blue interior. The power unit is the 275 b.h.p. V-eight Rocket engine and the overall height of the coupé body is only 49.5 neight of the coupe body is only 49.3 inches. Chrome spinners symbolical of rocket noses constitute the fender motif, being used both front and rear; the front of the car is blanked off, save for a narrow vertical air intake which may or

may not admit sufficient cooling air.

Buick's Centurion is another sports coupé of Fibreglass with a duo-tone red coupe of Fibreglass with a duo-tone real and cream finish and matching red leather interior. A 325 b.h.p. V-eight engine powers this machine. Front and rear bumpers are an integral part of what is termed the "shell design," and the grille and bonnet form a single unit hinged at the front and opening from the rear. For better brake cooling, chrome air scoops are built into the wheel discs. The actual steering column is located in the centre of the front compartment and is connected with the wheel by a cantilever arm, the chief purpose of which seems to be to provide added leg room for the driver.

Most conventional of this quintette is

Most conventional of this quintette is the Chevrolet Impala, a two-door, five-passenger sports saloon with a blue Fibreglass body, blue leather upholstery and stainless steel brightwork. Motive power is supplied by a 225 b.h.p. Super Turbo-Fire V-eight engine coupled to the Chevrolet Power-Glide automatic transmission. Multi-garder, exertically uping mission. Multi-spoke, centre-lock wire wheels are featured and the front grille, which brings to mind a grinning minstrel's mouth with rows of bright teeth, is in conformity with present-day American styling. The general effect of American styling. The general the car is distinctly pleasing.

The remaining "dream car,"

The remaining "dream car," which makes no claim to being a sports job, is the husky, opulent, low-slung Cadillac Eldorado Brougham Town Car. Finished in glossy black with a black landau leather covering for the rear compartment and a beige leather and broadcloth interior, the Eldorado's Fibreglass body features up-swept tail fins and a bubble type wind-screen of wide curvature and huge

proportions.

Among the many luxuries featured in this elegant machine are a radio-telephone set, air-conditioning, a vanity compart-ment, a cigar humidor and a Thermos ment, a cigar humidor and a I hermos bottle and glasses. Considerable attention seems to have been paid to locking devices: for example, a micro-switch located in each of the door handles opens the doors electrically when depressed. When the car's automatic transmission lever is in "drive" position, however, the doors are electrically locked and cannot be opened from the outside. To obviate the possibility of some wealthy hander the possibility of some wealthy banker being locked out when he leaves his club, another switch under the chauffeur's seat releases this circuit as soon as his weight is no longer on it. Finally, by inserting a key into either of the rear-door locks, another electrical circuit locks all four doors and automatically raises the rear

Quite a show, and as a heartening footnote Mr. Harlow Curtice, president of General Motors, estimates that the 1956 passenger car output of the entire American automobile industry, Canadian plants included, will reach 8,350,000 cars. If his estimate is fulfilled, it will represent the second greatest year in the history of the JOHN BENTLEY.

Disconnected Jottings

BY THE SCRIBE Barry Appleby drawings

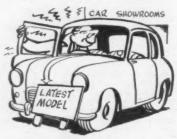
Bromley

HOUGH this column may on occasion give the impression that The Scribe is a grumpy old man, given to supporting lost causes, let it never be said that he is not the first to give credit where credit is due. Bromley . . . Whenever I have had occasion to pass through the town-which is not very often-I have been struck by the slippery nature of its main street. The original surface of wood blocks has been tarred over in the distant past; the tar has long since broken up, leaving patches of extreme slipperiness-most of which seem to occur immediately on either side of the zebra crossings. Pedestrians, unaware of the state of the surface, precipitate themselves across the stripes and the cars (those that do succeed in stopping) miss them by inches, usually at an angle of 45 degrees. I have seen on more than one occasion motor cyclists slewing round sideways in their

attempts to stop, and falling off.
Recently, citizens, I was delighted to see a "Road Up" sign, and indications that the blocks were to be removed. I sincerely hope that I interpreted the sign correctly; it is not

a moment too soon.

The Bromley police are more wide awake than most to the road accident situation, taking every step possible to reduce the rate in their particular area. This step should ease their lot considerably.



Special Scent

Stinkers

SINCE my early days I can remember being agreeably—or disagreeably—impressed by the smells of new cars. The soft, hand-tanned leathers and Bedford cords, rich woodwork and sheepskin rugs of the luxury models smelt like the insides of rich peoples' houses, and even the cheaper cars each smelt different from their predecessors; those were good smells, which met you each time you entered the car, to remind you of its newness. Every now and again, in the thirties, I would poke my nose into an American

car and I recall an entirely different, not wholly disagreeable scent, which I could neither describe nor trace. There was, too, a small German car which kept its special smell—a rather American one—throughout its life.

Browsing around the current American extravagances at the recent Brussels Show, I found that they have something entirely new in smells, rich, penetrating and all-pervading; and, to me, quite nauseating. Is it the new plastic trims which offend, or is it a deliberate infusion which the American appreciates? "Say, you don't expect me to buy this rig, do you? It don't smell pretty." But even the American cars are less repellent than one German, bearing a noble name, which I remember at the London Show a couple of years ago.

An exception at Brussels was the new Studebaker Golden Hawk, which was trimmed in real black leather, and smelt as a gentleman's carriage should.

Trunk Route

"CAMOUFLAGE?" asked my friend. "Yes, I can certainly give you a good example."

He had been trying a very fast car and had gone down to the South Coast during the night in order to escape fog around London. He drove reasonably fast from Arundel to Worthing and then thought, "That was a nice bit of road; I'll go back again." Whereupon he turned the car round and opened up to about 80 m.p.h. He was proceeding thus on his lawful occasions when the road became strangely indistinct. As he braked he peered ahead to see what was wrong, and suddenly his eyes took in the reality. An oak tree had fallen across the road within those few minutes since his passing and he was confronted with the trunk, straight across his path.

In all these emergencies the brain works very quickly. He realized that he could not stop in time, prepared to throw the car sideways in order to spread the impact over as big an area as possible, and then saw that there was a very narrow gap on the right-hand side of the road between the tops of the branches and the opposite bank. He locked the car over to the right, used the engine to slide the tail round again, to get it straight on to the gap, and shot through with a tinkle of branches on the left and a swish of the bank on the right. "The whole thing," he said, "merely merged into the background and I suppose its nature, unlike anything one expects on the road, made the lag in recognition more pronounced. Anyway, I'm glad there wasn't another car coming in the

opposite direction, even with dipped lights. I am sure that I should have failed to distinguish the tree until I had hit it."

Night Refuge

WE came through the long, dank tunnel to the summit where the sky and stars seemed clean and close, as if the sharp night wind had blown the dust of eternity from their faces. The side of the mountain was lost below us. On the left the map said "Refuge."

The refuge of today was not the snowbound hut of the mountaineer, but a house that clung to the hill as if it had been built out upon stilts. There was the sound of voices and we could see the darkly sightless eyes of the café

window.

"Let's see if we can get a coffee." A young Frenchman came to the door, letting out an ineffective glow of light that was lost in the immensity of the precipice beyond. "I'll go and ask," he said. The light snapped on in the café, the stove was stoked up, very hot coffee was brought and we were left to enjoy it. A cheap radio brayed Gallic accordion music (which I love) and it



Clean and Close

was obvious that grand'mère was a matriarch. What was it like, we wondered, to live always up here, 6,000ft away from civilization in a vertical direction, with only the road as space to walk in unless you were a

mountain goat.

We paid the bill (about a hundred francs), wished our hosts goodnight and re-entered the car, slipping down the lacets in the zigzag fall of an autumn leaf. At each easterly hairpin we could see the lights of the refuge, receding higher and higher until it was necessary to bend over and peer under the car roof, by which time they became muddled with the footrest of Cassiopeia's chair or the handle of the Plough. If one seeks to experience the full horror of eternity one should contemplate the stars; at the top of a French mountain, is one half-way toward that horror?



"I can't afford a big car — yet with a family of four, I could do with the space. I want a lively and lion-hearted engine but a purely 'performance ' car doesn't do enough miles to the gallon for me. I want something rather better than the usual run of cars - but without having to pay over the odds for it. Perhaps I'm being rather difficult!"

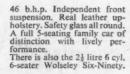
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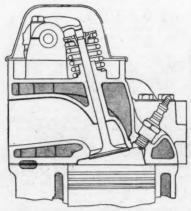
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Several of the American engines use hemispherical heads, but the Packard design has an efficient wedge-shaped combustion chamber with in-line valves. In common with other Transatlantic units the valve guides have been discarded to obtain more efficient cooling of the valves

TECHNICAL TOPICS

UR American correspondent has indicated that American horse-power and torque ratings have hit new highs this year. The performance figures of the 1956 American car engines reveal that very high efficiencies are being achieved.

A survey of the latest engine ratings of the current Vee-eight engines shows that enormous strides have been made during the past five years, in 1950 the Cadillac and Packard models, for instance, had ratings of 160 b.h.p. The survey has been restricted to the Vee-eight engines and only the highest advertised optional power ratings for each engine have been quoted. Most manufacturers market the so-called "power packs" which include four-barrel carburettors and a twin exhaust system, and the tabulations include these ratings where they are available.

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Two reservations need to be made if comparisons are drawn between British and Continental units. All American engines

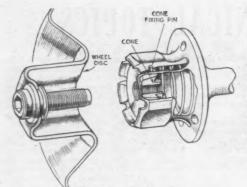
are tested in accordance with the S.A.E. test code. The conditions of these tests permit the gross output figures to be quoted because the engine is stripped of all power-absorbing components. It is without water pump, dynamo and air cleaner; also, a test house silencing system is used. The figures thus achieved can be as high as 12 per cent in excess of those achieved with the engine equipped as installed in the car. Some British manufacturers quote figures in accordance with this test code, but others, as do all Continental manufacturers, quote figures in accordance with the D.I.N. standards, which require the power units to be tested as installed in the chassis.

The second factor which must be borne in mind is that the sales departments of American firms are only too keen to quote optimistic figures to keep ahead in the horse-power race.

Compression ratios have been sharply

U.S. Engine Characteristics

	Engine	Bore	Stroke	Stroke to Bore	Total Cyl. Cap.	Declared Max.	Comp.	Max. B.M.E.P.	Torque Ib ft
Make	Model	Bore	Stroke	Ratio	cu. in	B.H.P.	natio	sq. in	per cu. i
BUICK	40	4.00	3.20	0.80	322	220	8.9	149	0.991
	50, 60 and 70	4.00	3.20	0.80	322	255	9.5	160	1.059
CADILLAC	60, 62, 75	4.00	3.63	0.96	365	285	9.75	165	1.096
	Eldorado	4.00	3.63	0.96	365	305	9.75	165	1.096
CHEVROLET	Powerglide	3.25	3.00	0.92	265	170	8.0	146	0.970
	Power Pack	3.25	3.00	0.92	265	205	9.25	152	1.011
CHRYSLER	Windsor	3.81	3.63	0.95	331	250	8.5	155	1.027
	New Yorker and Imperial	3.94	3.63	0.92	354	280	9.0	162	1.073
DE SOTO	Firedome	3.72	3.80	1.02	330	230	8.5	139	0.923
	Fireflite	3.72	3.80	1.02	330	255	8.5	160	1.059
DODGE	Coronet	3.63	3.25	0.90	270	189	8.0	149	0.985
	Royal	3.63	3.80	1.05	315	218	8.0	148	0.983
	Super Royal	3.63	3.80	1.05	315	230	8.0	151	1.003
FORD	Custom and Mainline	3.63	3.30	0.91	272	176	8.4	146	0.971
	Fairlane	3.75	3.30	0.88	292	202	8.4	149	0.990
	Thunderbird	- 3.80	3.44	0.91	312	225 -	9.0	157	1.038
	Lincoln	4.00	3.66	0.92	368	285	9.0	165	1.090
	Mercury	3.80	3.44	0.91	312	225	9.1	153	1.038
HUDSON	Hornet	4.00	3.50	0.88	352	220	9.55	137	0.909
NASH	Ambassador	4.00	3.50	0.88	352	220	9.55	137	0.909
OLDSMÓBILE	88	3.87	3.44	0.89	324	230	9.2	158	1.049
	98	3.87	3.44	0.89	324	240	9.2	163	1.080
PACKARD	Clipper Custom	4.00	3.50	0.88	352	275	9.5	164	1.083
	Patrician	4.12	3.50	0.85	374	290	10.0	164	1.083
	Caribbean	4.12	3.50	0.85	374	310	10.0	164	1.083
PLYMOUTH	Hy-Fire	3.75	3,131	0.84	277	200	8.0	148	0.984
PONTIAC	Safari	3.94	3.25	C.83	317	205	8.9	140	0.930
	Star Chief	3.94	3.25	0.83	317	227	8.9	148	0.984
STUDEBAKER	Golden Hawk	4.00	3.50	0.88	352	275	9.5	163	1.080
	President	3.56	3.62	1.02	289	210	7.8	152	1.010
	Commander	3.56	- 3.25	0.91	259	185	7.8	151	1.004
7-13		F. 65.5			Average		8.88	153	1.020



TECHNICAL TOPICS

In order to achieve a single fixing for the Citroen DS19 wheels the construction of the hub has become somewhat complicated. The main advan-tage of the scheme used is that there are no parts which can be lost when the wheel is removed as the fixing bolt is captive with the wheel centre. An internal hexagon in the head is used to turn the fixing

spaced bolts to reduce the loadings and I have always considered the Renault arrangement, with the wheels mounted on spider hubs, to be among the best. Citroens appear to have gone to a lot of trouble to achieve their object of a

single fixing; as a matter of fact, the problem was solved for them by Michelin, who undertook development. But although the wheel construction has been simplified, that of the hub appears to be rather complicated. The hub is provided with a hexagonal

form on the outside which is the means of driving the wheel. There are three equally spaced saw slots positioned at every other corner of the hexagonal form. Inside the bore of the hub is a threaded nut with a conical seating which matches a similar form in the outer end of the hub. It is kept in place by a spring, and a fixing pin in one of the slots prevents rotation. The means of assembly is to feed the conical nut sideways through one of the slots, like putting a penny in a money box, and then turning it to its operating position.

The wheel centre is provided with a hexagonal bore slightly bigger than the form of the hub to permit easy fitting. When the fixed central screw, which is permanently attached to the wheel, is tightened up the cone nut expands the hub into the form of the wheel in the same way as a collet and spring chuck

arrangement. The main claims made are that it is impossible to lose any parts during wheel changing and there is no difficulty in centring the wheel. Furthermore, the tightening is done directly on to the hub and not on to the brake drums, thus avoiding deformation.

An ingenious layout, but it would appear to be at the expense of complicastud arrangement.

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stepped up, with the Packard highest at 10 to 1, the lowest being Studebaker at 7.8 to 1. This increase of compression ratios, combined with increased valve sizes and ports and improvements to breathing resulting from the introduction of four-barrel carburettors and twin ex-haust systems, has resulted in some high brake mean effective pressures.

Great emphasis has also been placed on high torque ratings for this year's models. The Americans place great value on the need for high torque at low speeds now that automatic transmissions are almost universal and many of the manufacturers have found it desirable to increase engine capacity to achieve better torque ratings. This has resulted in some of the Vee-eight engines becoming "under-square" this year as the basic layout permitted only increases in the stroke length.

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A measure of the increase in efficiency is the torque developed per cubic inch of capacity. An engine which develops 1 lb ft torque per cu in can be considered a very efficient unit and it will be seen that 61 per cent of the engines are in excess of this figure. As a comparison one of our most efficient British sports car engines shows a figure of 1,013 lb ft

torque per cu in, and, similarly, a 12-litre production car unit, recognized as an efficient engine, gives a figure of 0.872 lb ft torque per cu in.

With the step-ups in horse-power over the past five years the actual economy of American cars has been on the down grade and there are complaints from owners indicating that fuel economy, particularly in city conditions, is becoming a matter of great concern. This may cause the present ratings to level out and the next stage will be a drive for fuel economy.

Single Fixing for Road Wheels

MONG the many innovations of the new Citroen DS19 is the mounting of the road wheels by a central single bolt. When I first saw this arrangement at the Paris Show I had misgivings. My own preference has always been for wheels with widely

WESTMINSTER **COMMENTARY:** Coming Downstairs

THE Road Traffic Bill, which "went upstairs" for the standing committee stage on July 17, 1955, has come down again abruptly with the last 2½-hour session on February 2. The remaining business has been speedily despatched, in spite of the fact that when Parliament adjourned for the Christmas Parliament adjourned for the Christmas recess it was gloomily forecast that this stage would reach well into the new year, as there were still a large number of clauses to be discussed. If the speed is an indication of the new Minister's Parliamentary methods, it is a good augury for the future.

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noor of the House for report stage—two or three days—and third reading, which will take another day. After that it returns to the Lords where it started in the original form. The journey, there-fore, is about half finished, and it now appears that the Bill will become law between Fester and Whitener.

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There were 22 sessions in committee, and dominating debate on all subjects from dogs to drink and back again was the vehicle testing scheme. This con-

troversial subject will promote discussion for a long time yet, for the Minister will be inserting his new clause at report More details were announced by Mr. Molson on January 31, from which it appears that the Government will try it appears that the Government will try to extend testing, as opportunity and manpower make it possible, to a very large category of vehicles. They are, however, taking no chances as they intend to keep in reserve the spot check system adopted earlier. Mr. Watkinson regards the Hendon testing station as a pilot venture from which he hopes to cain useful information, but he does not gain useful information, but he does not expect to open any more "in advance of a general scheme." Another assurance given by the Government is that they would take a second look at automatic disqualification from driving when

imposed for insurance offences.
Other Parliamentary news concerns such unrelated topics as winking indicators and snow on the roads. No doubt motorists are preoccupied with the latter at present, and will be sorry (because of its corrosive properties) to learn that Road Research Laboratory investigations

have confirmed salt to be the best means of removing ice from roads. Members are waiting impatiently for the promised announcement on winking indicators, and Sir Frank Medlicott asked Mr. Watkinson for an assurance that he would not be unduly influenced by export considerations. The new Highway Code is to be distributed free of charge for one year as driving licences are renewed.

Finding its way into the Houses of Parliament from the outside is a recom-mendation from the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, one of whose pre-Budget pleas to the Chancellor of the Exchequer asks him to cut the duty on petrol from its present 2s 6d. The Association may not know how many motorists are behind it in spirit.

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Politicisms: "I fully recognize that a tunnel is a different thing from a bridge."

"I am always willing to look at any evidence in order to confirm the opinion

to which I have already come."

—Mr. Hugh Molson,
House of Commons,
February 1, 1956.
STUDENT OF POLITICS.

THE AUTOCAR, 10 FEBRUARY 1956

THE AUTOCAR, 10 FERRUARY 1956

THERE was certainly no lack of technical interest in the Argentine G.P. Commendatore Ferrari, having been given the running of the Lancia G.P. cars, set about combining the best features of his four-cylinder ahort-wheelbase cars and the rapid but unstable Lancias. The results were interesting, because the following cars were shipped to Argentina: one Lancia "as delivered"; two more with new fuel tanks in the tail, the side fairings containing smaller tanks than before, and the exhaust pipes passing through the rear of these fairings; two Ferrari Squalos with Vee-eight Lancia engines of 270 b.h.p.; one normal Squalo; and one short-wheelbase Ferrari with four-cylinder engine and a tail tank. The Maseratis were similar to last year's cars, but had two fuel pumps instead of one, five-speed gear boxes and the new exhaust system.

Race-day was dull and overcast, threatening rain. The Ferrari men started out as follows: Fangio and Musso, Lancia modified, Castellotti Lancia "standard," Collins' Squalo Ferrari and Gendebien, rookie for the Maranello ¿quipe, Ferrari-Lancia Vee-eight. The start was impressive, Musso shooting away strongly, with González and Menditeguy on Maseratis, hot on his tail. On the first lap González swung out and passed Musso and led, with Musso second, and then Menditeguy passed by into second place. Moss had suffered the unusual misfortune of having his own car run over his feet, while they were push-starting it on the

Menditeguy passed by into second place. Moss had suffered the unusual misfortune of having his own car run over his feet, while they were push-starting it on the line, and was thus in great pain.

Fangio's Lancia did not seem as point from the start, but nevertheless at three laps he had worked his way into third place, behind Menditeguy, but then the amazing Menditeguy slashed past González and led the race. Farther behind, Collins and Hawthorn were engaged in a private scrap, the honours going to the Maserati. At five laps the order was Menditeguy, González, Fangio, Castellotti, Musso, Moss and Behra, but González lost a place to Fangio, then Fangio stopped at his pit and González was second again. However, González' car began sounding uneven and Castellotti, driving well in the normal Lancia, became second briefly, to be passed by Moss who was working his way up. González came into his pit with a broken valve. Fangio left his pit, stopped again and got out of the car.

Now the terrifically confused first laps were gradually congealing into a pattern. Fangio and González were out, practically, although Fangio's Lancia still circulated rather pathetically, the engine making noises suggestive of much trouble in the fuel system. Menditeguy was running away with the race, with Moss a fine second in spite of his hurt feet. Castellotti was going well in third place, holding the Lancia on the course by main force, and



While Britain still shivers in the close season it is pleasant to think that this sort of thing will be with us again soon. The start of the Argentine G.P., with Musso's Ferrari-modified Lancia in the lead. This car was ultimately taken over by Fangio and won the race

ITALIAN OBBLIGATO

Only Ferrari and Maserati at Argentine Grand Prix

then Fangio came in to his pit, Musso was flagged in and Fangio abot off again with Musso's modified Lancia. Musso had been fourth, then the car became fifth as Behra flashed past while Fangio was accelerating away from his pit. However, the Argentine started to put on speed and within two laps had rocketed past Behra and was chasing Castellotti. At that moment Castellotti came in with a sick engine and retired, and Menditeguy was now 40sec ahead of Moss.

At 27 laps Fangio spun round and Behra was past again, to be repassed a couple of laps later, while Moss' machine now began to trail a thin plume of smoke, and occasional spurts of fire from the exhaust pipe told of a stretched valve. Fangio was now driving flat out in the same style that characterized his impressive 1954 win under streaming rain. He was now clearly gaining on Moss, who just as clearly was slowing, his car now running very poorly.

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Menditeguy had been driving a fine race, his engine going well, but abruptly on lap 42 he found himself unable to change down from fourth into third for the hairpin, the car ran freewheeling and he slammed into a fence, damaging the front suspension too badly to continue, which was indeed a bitter blow.

This left Moss in the lead, but his car was very rough and the greatest danger to Fangio lay in Behra, who was driving with all his skill and picking up 2-3 sec. per lap in spite of Fangio's efforts. Hawthorn and Collins were a lap behind, then

came Gendebien (Ferrari-Lancia) at three laps, Landi (Maserati) three laps, Piotti (Maserati) five laps and Uria, of Uruguay, who drove a 1953 Maserati with 1954 en-gine and was last.

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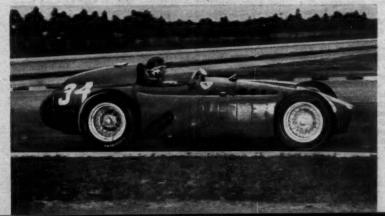
At sixty laps Fangio was right behind Moss and Behra had spun round, although it did not lose him his third place. Hawthorn was running fourth, Collins fifth, and the rest were nowhere. However, at 62 laps, Piotti was blue-flagged at the hairpin, as Collins wanted to pass, and could think of nothing better to do than brake sharply! This, of course, caused Collins to ram Piotti's car very caused Collins to ram Piotti's car very to do than brake sharply! This, of course, caused Collins to ram Piotti's car very hard, putting the Squalo out of the race at once and the Maserati out two laps later, with a leaking tank! By now Most was on four cylinders and clearly would not last. With an hour to go, therefore, Fangio swept by into a lead which had seemed impossible, Behra consistently second but not interested in chasing Fangio now. On the 81st lap Moss dropped out with a broken valve, and was rushed off to hospital for attention to his foot, which was to be examined by X-ray on the following day. So Hawthorn, with the dark green Owen Maserati, moved up into third place, two laps behind Fangio, and both Fangio and Behra were circulating at about the same speed, as if by tacit ing at about the same speed, as if by tacit

ing at about the same speed, as if by tacit gentleman's agreement. Landi was fourth, many laps behind, then Gendebien who had started out with a broken wrist not quite healed, and Uria, who changed places in the driving seat with his compatriot Oscar González about half-way.

The cheer that greeted Fangio as he flashed in to win can be imagined. However, in the control tower Ugolini was claiming that Fangio had been pushed when he apun round shortly after restarting with Musso's car, which should lead to his disqualification. The matter was to be considered during the week.

Fangio narrowly beat Ascari's 1953 (2-litre Ferrari) distance record, setting up 98 laps to the late Italian champion's 97.

Fongio, in the winning Lancia. Note the filler cap in the tail, filler cap in the side tank and exhaust stubs poking out through the rear end of the side tank



- 1. Luigi Musso and Juan Manuel Fangio (Lancia)
 96 laps; 2h Ohm 03.7s, 79.36 m.p.h.
 2, Jean Heira (Massrati), 3h Ohm 03.1sec.
 5. M. Hawthorn (Massrati), 2 laps behind.
 4. F. Landi (Massrati), 5 laps behind.
 5. O. Gendebten (Ferrari), 7 laps.
 5. A. Uris-O. Gonnáles (Massrati) laps behind.
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 S. A. Uris-O. Gonnáles (Massrati), 10 laps behind.



The lines of the Thunderbird are simple but striking, marred only by the exterior mounting of the spare wheel and the unhappy porthole

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THERE has been considerable speculation in Europe about the U.S. Ford Thunderbird since its introduction at the Paris Show in October, 1954. Not since the late 'twenties has a major American manufacturer attempted production of a really high performance sports touring car. To The Autocar has fallen the pleasure of completing the first full Road Test to be made on this side of the Atlantic, and it may be said at once that the task was unusually absorbing.

The car was provided by the British concessionaires, Lincoln Cars, Ltd., Great West Road, Brentford, Middlesex, who raised British interest in the model above the merely academic by stating that models are available for sterling purchase.

Every car tester asks himself first just what the model is supposed to be, and for what type of market it is intended to cater. The Ford answer is that the Thunderbird is a fast touring car combining speed with luxury; that it is not a sports or sports-racing car. But when familiarity with the model grows one cannot help feeling that the two-seat-tourer description is a tongue-in-cheek line on the part of the manufacturer. For the

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Thunderbird will reach a true 100 m.p.h. in less than 32 seconds with plenty still in hand; the steering is positive, and on the indifferently surfaced roads of France (where much of the testing took place) it will cruise at 90-plus without road adhesion being reduced to a dangerous or unpleasant degree.

The car tested was provided with many extras that push up the cost price substantially. The detachable hardtop is included in the basic price of £1,690 (making £2,536 7s with purchase tax), but when all extras are included the basic price becomes £2,075 (making £3,115 1s). The extras include Fordomatic transmission, power brakes, a soft hood for use when the hardtop is left in the garage, a nine-valve radio (costing £75 with tax), heater, windscreen washer, and so on, all of which were fitted to the car described here.

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The specification of the car is worth examination before comfort and performance are described in any detail, for the American approach to the high performance two-seater is different from that adopted in Europe. The engine is characteristically American, being a relatively low-revving 5,113 c.c.

(312 cu in) capacity unit with overhead valves operated by pushrods. Maximum b.h.p. is 225 at 4,600 r.p.m., and maximum
torque 324 lb ft at 2,600 r.p.m. When orthodox transmission
with overdrive is fitted, instead of the automatic, power output
is 215 b.h.p. and torque 317 lb ft. The compression ratio on
the car tested was 9 to 1, while the manual transmission model
has 8.4 to 1. Overall weight is about 31 cw ready for the road,
but although this seems heavy to Europeans for a two-seater, the
b.h.p. per ton laden with occupants is an exciting 132—only
nominally short of the most powerful comparable British sports
two-seater coupé. The extra weight compared with European
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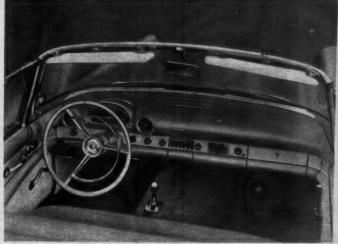
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Despite the manufacturer's decision to call the car, in effect, a boulevard model, the performance is such as to clamour for description, and in this connection the automatic transmission must be closely related to the acceleration. The Fordomatic has three ratios, gear-change speeds depending largely upon throttle opening. When the throttle pedal is fully depressed from a standing start, the transmission changes from first to second at 35 m.p.h., and from second to top at 62 m.p.h. Below about 55 m.p.h. full depression of the pedal results in a "kick down" in to the middle ratio. Coupled with this effect is the operation of the four-choke carburettor. A resistance is felt when the pedal is depressed through half its range. Until this occurs only two chokes are in operation, but beyond it the other two chokes begin to operate. Thus, when putting the pedal flat down at, say, 40 m.p.h., middle gear is engaged at the same moment as the two extra chokes—or carburettors, in effect—come into operation. The results would be gratifying to the most blais of testers. When overtaking, this mechanism is seen at its best, and although European drivers expect cars of similar potential speed to be capable of much more than 62 m.p.h. in the indirect gears, the power output of the Thunderbird engine is such that the acceleration on top from 62 upwards is very good indeed, as is shown by the acceleration data.

The car is deceptive. It was tested in weather that varied from the ideal to snow and ice, and in all but the most slippery conditions it achieved average speeds that surprised even the driver. The automatic transmission put it at a disadvantage on really slippery surfaces, as the slip at low r.p.m. might deceive a driver into thinking that the rear wheels are spinning, when, in fact, the rise in r.p.m. results only from the driver. The automatic transmission put it at a disa

A soft hood is available as an optional extra for erection when the hardtop is left in the garage. It is well tailored, and has a wide rear window, but it takes a very long time—and two people—to put up





The facia is well laid out, although the moulding at its base is carried across the doors base is carried across the doors to little purpose. A fire extinguisher is mounted on the extreme right of the compartment, and the automatic mechanism for adjusting the forand-aft and vertical setting of the bench seat is controlled from the puricipal in the two switches driver's door



Le Touquet, in France, and Ostend, in Belgium. On the route through Boulogne, Calais and Dunkirk the roads have many straights but are rather narrow and rarely smooth; yet on most open stretches the Thunderbird was safely held between a true 90 and 100 mp.h. At this speed in the conditions described the car was bumpy, but not to the extent of real passenger discomfort, and adhesion remained satisfactory. Again, on a run at a bad time of day from the river, in central London, to Ferryfield, on the Kent south coast, driver and passenger were more than a little surprised at an overall time of little over 1½ hours, in spite of one long hold up for road works in London, and road surfaces often lightly covered with melting snow. The engine is unobtrusive until about 100 mp.h. is reached on the speedometer, which embodies no more than the accepted built-in optimism as our recorded figures on page 157 indicate.

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Buropeans (and some Americans, too) have mixed feelings about the use of sutomatic transmission on this type of car, but before plumping for a manual change with overdrive, let the Fordomatic be more carefully considered. When high average speeds are not required, the car accelerates well with gentle use of the throttle, covering the ground in a restful, effortless fashion, the transmission being seen at its best. But when the driver really wants to hustle, the automatic box is surprisingly co-operative. On modern dual carriageways overtaking is in any case usually accomplished in top gear; on British roads at anything from a crawl upwards. At, say, 40-50 m.p.h. when waiting for a clear stretch in which to overtake, the driver with manual transmission will frequently be changing up and down, waiting his chance, or trailing the other vehicle in the lowest gear appropriate to the speed. But with the Fordomatic he remains in top and, at the moment a short, clear stretch is sighted, a jab of the throttle instantly produces middle gear and the extra carburettor chokes with delightful results. Having in mind engine size and performance the m.p.g. is not unreasonable, 16 being obtained under quite hard driving conditions.

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One objection to some automatic transmissions is that they may change down when slowing into corners with results that can be particularly unwelcome on slippery surfaces. Suffice it to say of the Fordomatic tested that unless the change was induced by the driver it occurred at very low speeds and was extremely smooth—to the point of being virtually imperceptible. No driver was embarrassed by it while it was in the hands of this journal.

On the subject of brakes we cannot be complimentary to the Thunderbird. In fact, all too often are brakes and



Wide doors make entry reasonably easy for a car of such low build. The steering wheel spokes are dished so that they act as a shock absorber for the driver's chest in the event of an accident



A big air cleaner is fitted above the four-choke carburettor. In this view the distributor is to the left, and the oil filler to the right. Beyond this is seen the plastic container for the windscreen washer. The battery is accessible on the far side of the engine, and, close to the camera, are the equally accessible dipsticks for transmission and engine oil levels

FORD THUNDERBIRD

brake fade the subject of criticism on high-performance cars. During the test their efficiency varied appreciably, but the overall impression was of good response to very light pedal pressure at low speeds (indeed, the wheels could be locked with moderate pedal pressure) and a sharp fall off in efficiency coupled with grab at very high speeds. At speeds close to the formidable maximum the brakes had to be used with caution,



The bulge on the bonnet is a fresh air intake. Additional ventilators are fitted on the sides, and fog and spot lamps are incorporated in the front bumper assembly

as initial application frequently resulted in a sharp pull to one side or the other. From high speeds the car needed plenty of room in which to stop. On the relatively clear roads of the Continent, the brakes caused little trouble, and in England icy roads saved them for much of the time.

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The appearance of the car attracted attention wherever it was parked; it is dramatic to look at as well as to drive. In the current U.S. sports fashion the spare wheel is mounted in a visible container at the rear. A feature of the pre-war European sports coupés, such a mounting now seems an anachronism to our eyes. The extent to which the otherwise attractive lines are marred may be judged by removing the spare wheel and taking another look at the car. The porthole shape of the useful small windows in the hardtop is also out of accord with the general

lines. But these are small criticisms of an otherwise most attractive conception. The bonnet (or hood to American readers) hinges at its forward edge and, sensibly, flexible dipsticks are provided for the engine and transmission oils so that the handles are conveniently placed. The luggage locker lid must be opened with a key, after movement of a lever swings the spare wheel slightly backwards to give clearance. The spare wheel must also be moved to provide access to the central tank filler. The filler is covered with a hinged flap in which there is a protruding bolt just waiting to scratch the hand of anyone opening the cap.

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Considerable attention is paid to seating position; movement of the seat backwards and forwards, and up and down, was effected by electric motors operated by two switches in the driver's door. The steering column is adjustable for reach, and the inwardly dished three spokes protrude towards the driver to provide a shock absorbing effect in the event of an accident, helping to reduce to a minimum any impact of the driver's chest against the column. The heavily-swept-round windscreen provides good visibility, although there is some distortion at the sides and the padded visors intrude at the top.

Movement of a lever immediately in front of the spare wheel casing permits the wheel to move rearwards to enable the luggage locker lid to be opened. When the boot lid is closed, a small cover gives access to the fuel filler cap. Luggage space is substantial, but of a shape that gives soft bags an advantage over orthodox suitcases. The rear lights are surrounded by large reflectors



Car speedometer True speed

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A feature of all Fords is the suction operated windscreen wiper. It is one which has little appeal to many motorists and in the case of this Thunderbird it amounted to a definite fault. Every time the driver accelerated to pass another vehicle the wiper stopped the driver accelerated to pass another vehicle the wiper stopped and in wet weather the screen became obscured and overtaking was made hazardous or impossible. Further, the wipers leave an awkwardly placed unwiped wedge in the centre of the screen that obscures visibility of the far wing. This is accentuated by the positioning of the steering wheel close to the side of the car. In a wide two-seater of this type most drivers would, in any case, prefer the wheel to be farther inboard to provide more room for the outer elbow. Reflections from the decking behind the seat tend at night to give the illusion that one is being followed. followed.

Controls are well arranged and clearly labelled. The transmission lever is nearly central, and the speedometer directly in front of the driver. The latter is not very easy to read, partly because it is graduated up to an impressive 150 m.p.h. The powerful heater with two-speed fan provides warm fresh air, recirculation, or cold air ventilation, which can be directed in any proportion to the interior or the screen at easily controlled temperature.

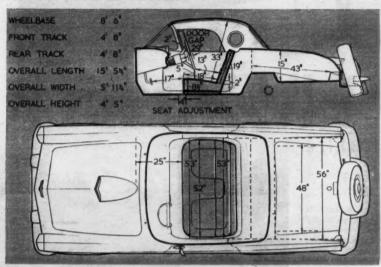
Among the many lavish items of equipment is an exceptionally fine radio with nine valves. Stations can be chosen by button, or by touching either of two bars at which the set will seek automatically, stopping perfectly tuned on any station it comes across until a bar is touched again. One bar gives greater selectivity than the other, and the set is such that Moscow was received with faultless clarity and volume after midnight, and Italy similarly before dawn. There was no fading whatsover was under bridges. even under bridges.

A hard but shock-absorbent roll below the facia is carried round and back across the doors at elbow level. If this roll served as an armrest it would be a better feature; as it is, it makes

it more difficult to operate the window winder.

The Thunderbird has arrived as a pleasant surprise, there being a great deal to be said for the clever compromise between comfort and very high performance indeed.

THUNDERBIRD FORD



Measurements in these in to Ift scale body diagrams are taken with the driving seat in the central position of fore and aft adjustment and with the seat cushions uncompressed

- PERFORMANCE -

TRACTIVE RESISTANCE: 40 lb per ton at 10 M.P.H. ACCELERATION: from constant speeds. Speed Range, *Gear Ratios and Time in sec. M.P.H. Dr. range TRACTIVE EFFORT: -30 -40 -50 2.7 3.4 4.0 5.1 6.6 8.3 Pull (lb per ton) Equivalent Gradient
337 1 in 6.6 Top ... Second... 1 in 6.6 600 BRAKES: Efficiency 62 per cent 75 per cent Pedal Pressure (lb) 30 50 60 70 80 **FUEL CONSUMPTION:** 14.0 18.5 23.9 16.5 m.p.g. overall for 714 miles (26.5 litres per 100 km).

Approximate normal range 15-18 m.p.g. (24-29 litres per 100 km).

Fuel, first grade. *Gear ratios 3.31; 4.86; and 7.94 to 1. Standing quarter mile, 17.5 sec. SPEEDS ON GEARS: WEATHER: Dry, light wind. K.P.H. Air temperature: 32 deg F. (max.) 113 116 Acceleration figures are the means of several runs in opposite directions. 2nd 1st 62 35 Tractive effort and resistance obtained by Tapley meter. SPEEDOMETER CORRECTION: M.P.H.

- DATA -

PRICE (basic), with two-seater body, £1,690. British purchase tax, £846 7s.
Total (in Great Britain), £2,536 7s.
Extras: Radio £75. Heater £56 5s. Fordomatic transmission, £144.
Total British price as tested, £3,115 1s. ENGINE: Capacity: 5,113 c.c. (312 cu in). Number of cylinders: 8. Bore and stroke: 96.52×87.37 mm (3.8 \times Bore and stroke: 96.52 × 87.37 mm (3.8 × 3.44in). Valve gear: o.h.v. puahrods. Compression ratio: 9 to 1. B.H.P.: 225 at 4,600 r.p.m. (B.H.P.: per ton laden 132.3). Torque: 324 lb ft at 2,600 r.p.m. on top gear, 25. M.P.H. per 1,000 r.p.m. on top gear, 25. WEIGHT (with 5 gals fuel): 31 cwt (3,472 lb). Weight distribution (per cent): F, 50; R, 50. Laden as tested: 34 cwt (3,808 lb). Lb per c.c. (laden): 1.3.

BRAKES: Type, leading and trailing shoes.

Method of operation: Hydraulic.

Drum dimensions: F, 11in diameter; 1½in and 2½in wide.

R, 11in diameter; 1½in wide.

Lining area: F, 91 sq in. R, 79 sq in (100 sq in per ton laden).

TYRES: 6.70—15in.

Pressures (lb per sq in): F, 24; R, 24 (normal).
F, 30; R, 30 (for fast driving).

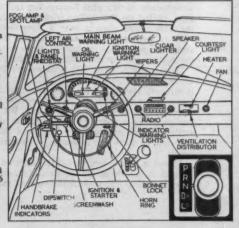
TANK CAPACITY: 13.6 Imperial gallons. Oil sump, 8 pints.
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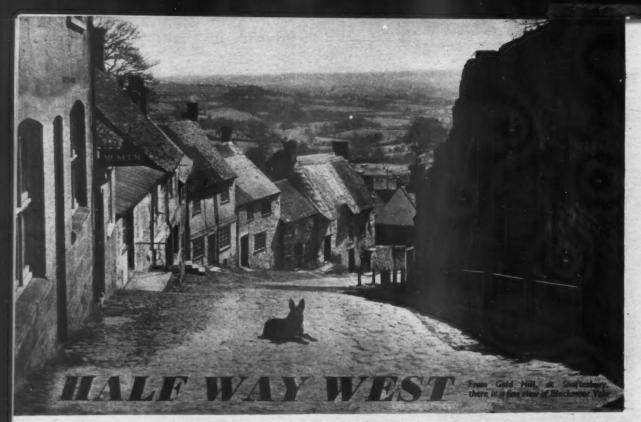
TURNING CIRCLE: 36ft (L and R). Steering wheel turns (lock to lock): 4 DIMENSIONS: Wheelbase: 8ft 6in.
Track: F, 4ft 8in; R, 4ft 8in.
Length (overall): 15ft 5½in.
Height: 4ft 4½in.
Width: 5ft 10½in.

Ground clearance: 5.9in.

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ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: 12-volt; 55 ampère-hour battery. Head lights: Double dip; 50-40 watt bulbs, SUSPENSION: Front, independent. Rear,





Pathfinding in Wiltshire

ROM the West Country we recently had occasion to visit London on business twice in quick succession, and although the time factor made main road travel essential on the way up, there were no such restrictions on the return journey. The western side of Wiltshire beyond Salisbury was quite unknown to us; reference to the Ordnance Survey Map suggested that it was worth investiga-

The stretch of country which we found so rewarding lies about half way between London and the main resorts of the West Country, to which so many thousands return year after year, and there must be many who would like to see something of the country through which they so regularly travel, and to get away from the main roads for a while with-

out adding too many miles to the journey.

Time being of little account and the sun very much in evidence, we left Salisbury on the Blandford Road-A354and after four miles took a sharp right turn to an unclassified road through Stratford Tony, Broad Chalke and Ebbes-A mile past Ebbesborne we turned right up a narrow road past Alvediston Church, then up a long steep section to the top of the Downs. The little Anglia, with its complement of two, plus 7-stone dog and a boot full of luggage, pulled up the incline without difficulty. At the top the road drops sharply over a steep escarpment and the view is memorable—on each side the downland stretches away in a succession of smooth green hills and in front, to

the north, is an immense prospect of woods and farmland.

At this point, some 700 ft above sea level, this by-road crosses the Herepath, one of the old English drove roads. It is strange, standing here, to realize that this track was as important to our ancestors as A30-visible far below with its constant stream of traffic-is to us. We walked up for a few yards to a patch of common, the site of an ancient settlement and an excellent spot for a picnic. From here the view to the south is almost as extensive as that northwards.

It was a strong temptation to linger in the sun, but we wanted to see Ferne animal sanctuary, so we drove slowly down the steep hill, making the most of the wonderful view,



Atmosphere of a more leisurely age . . . Fonthill house and lake

joined A30 a mile farther on, breathed exhaust fumes for another two miles, then took the next left turn up a side road which, in a few moments, brought us to Ferne.

Here is an animal sanctuary founded by the Duchess of Hamilton, where old horses, after long years of work, graze contentedly in a great park, shaded by fine trees; cats sit sunning themselves in every corner among the outbuildings of the big house, and dogs rescued from various forms of neglect and cruelty set up a riotous welcome to the visitor.

Eventually we continued on our way, returning to A30 where, without joining the main road, we took another left turn and the Anglia had a steady two-mile climb before it to Win Green Hill. This National Trust property—at 911 ft the highest point of Cranborne Chase—must be one of the finest vantage points in Southern England, the view extending from the Isle of Wight to the Quantock Hills.

A short distance from the tree circle crowning Win Green Hill the road joins B3081. Here we turned right and motored along the edge of Charlton Down and the Zig-Zag. This steep hill really lives up to its name, and the driver must concentrate, but for the passenger a series of delightful

views opens at every turn.

We continued to Shaftesbury; this ancient town, the Shaston of Thomas Hardy's novels, is far too attractive to pass, so we parked the car and set out on foot. We found

Gold Hill, at the back of St. Peter's Church, a cobbled street of old cottages curving steeply down with a fine view of Blackmoor Vale beyond, and strolled along Abbey Walk with its row of trees to the remains of the Abbey, now listed as an Ancient Monument. Darkness prevented further exploration so, with traffic very much less, we went on our westward way, resolving to see more of this attractive district.

The opportunity came a fortnight later. This time we left Salisbury on A30 and, two miles past Wilton, turned right on B3089, soon reaching Dinton and the National Trust properties there—Dinton Park, Philipps House—open on Wednesday afternoons—and Little Clarendon. The latter, an old 15th-century stone Tudor house, adjoins the road and is easily seen. In another mile we turned left on to a by-road and, almost at once, stopped to admire Teffont Manor and church in their charming setting by a stream.

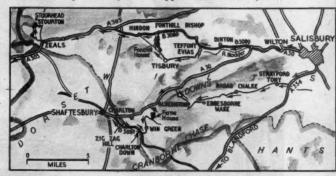
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A Wiltshire by-road will bring you to Teffont Manor and Church



Regretfully we passed under the great archway near the end of the lake, turned left on B3089 again and headed through Hindon and up a long straight stretch with a wide vista southwards into Dorset. Soon B3089 merges with A303 just before the wonderful view southwards from the top of Charnage Down. A long, winding descent, with fine downland scenery on every side, brought us to Zeals. It was here we decided that we had time to explore Stourhead—this magnificent estate, now the property of the National Trust, lies off A303 one mile to the north of Zeals.

The Trust owns 3,000 acres here, including the village of Stourton where the original Bristol High Cross, removed from the City in 1763, stands opposite the Church; and



Stourhead House, built in 1722, with its collection of works of art, notably some fine Chippendale furniture.

The gardens, laid out between 1741 and 1750 by Henry Hoare, son of the first owner, are a fine example of 18th-century landscape designing, with their lake, temples and grottoes.

In Spring the grassy slopes are yellow with daffodils, but the finest time of all is in late May and June, when the great banks of rhododendrons and azaleas overhanging the lake blaze with colour. We stayed here until later afternoon, then drove back to A303 and the main road west, well satisfied with our exploration.

We had been given a glimpse of an exceptionally fine and little-known piece of England, mostly unspoilt. The extra mileage involved over the normal main road journey was negligible and not even the Chancellor of the Exchequer would have got more than a few coppers out of the extra petrol used. I can thoroughly recommend to holidaymakers with a little time to spare either of these diversions from the two great roads to the West.

I. MEREDITH.



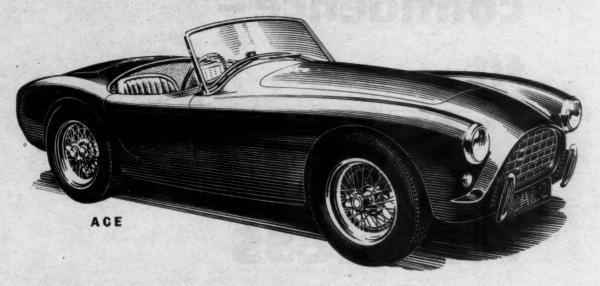


MOTORAMIC

Waldorf-Astoria cockpits . . . Pontiac (above) and Firebird II (below). See page 149. (The cups are for the iced arange juice dispenser!)



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ALEXANDER-LAYSTALL CONVERSIONS



Engine conversion of the M.G. Magnette includes the fitting of twin S.U. carburettors with non-restrictive air cleaner-silencers. The cylinder head is also modified

Complementing the Big Five

DURING the last few years small manufacturers of specialist cars have largely fallen by the wayside, and most of the cars bought in this country are made by the B.M.C., Ford, Rootes, Standard and Triumph or Vauxhall companies to a specification that is intended primarily to satisfy the requirements of the average family motorist. Thus, the driver who likes a higher than average performance, and who cannot afford the initial cost of the Jaguar or the Aston Martin type of car, tends to be left out of the scheme of things.

The first answer to his problem is provided by the modification of tuning, suspension and braking, and a new development of this theme is the cessation of engine reconditioning by Laystall Engineering in favour of full-time manufacture of components and of tuning conversion sets for specific models. The Laystall company has come to an arrangement with Alexander Engineering, Ltd. (which is headed by Michael Christic, the competition driver) under which Alexander-Laystall conversions are being supplied—and fitted on request—by Alexander

Engineering at Haddenham, Buckinghamshire.

On February 1 the two companies staged a demonstration of converted cars on the Chalgrove airfield, near Dorchester, Oxfordshire, during which guests assumed the role of racing driver within the safe confines of the circuit. They discovered for themselves the reasons why the Alexander-Laystall modifications are well received.

Cars for which tuning or gearing modifications are available include the whole B.M.C. range, Fords from Anglia to Zodiac, Nash Metropolitan and Standard Eight and Ten. Most of these cars were tried out briefly by this journal on February 1, and the M.G. Magnette had been given a much more thorough test at an earlier date.

Modifications for this model are available in three stages. The engine conversion comprises alteration of the compression ratio to 8.25 to 1 and fitting twin 1½ in S.U. carburettors; also a special manifold and unrestrictive air cleanersilencers. The engine receives a top overhaul and careful tuning. The exhaust conversion provides a three-branch manifold with larger diameter down pipe and tail pipe, and a less restrictive silencer. The axle has a new ratio of 4.3 or 4.5 to 1 instead of the original 4.875.

When put to the test the car, with 4.3 to 1 ratio, was found to have a top speed of about 86 m.p.h. within the space available, an increase of some 6 m.p.h. over the standard car. Times from a standing start to various speeds were also improved, although not startlingly so because of the change in axle ratio. However, the car was transformed in normal road use. The gear box could be used to give maxima in second and third of 44 and 70 m.p.h., and when cruising in the higher speed range the absence of mechanical fuss was specially creditable. In effect the conversion changed the car into a long-distance, greyhound type of sports saloon, and this important change in character was achieved with a worthwhile gain in acceleration.

acceleration.

Conversions can be provided as kits (subject to the return of standard parts such as the original cylinder head) or as a complete job fitted and tested. The engine conversion kit costs £37 10s, the exhaust parts £12 10s and the axle parts with modified speedometer £20. An overdrive unit is also available for £60. Fitting charge for a complete three-part conversion is £10, rising naturally enough to £14 if the three stages are carried out at different times. Costs for other cars are available from Alexander company.

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The demonstration on February I suggested that the conversions of other models are at least as successful as those for the Magnette.

It is interesting to note that the Standard company, after their own extensive tests of the conversion, has decided that their new car guarantee will not be affected in any way by the completion of an Alexander-Laystalt conversion, and also that B.M.C. have co-operated in providing any parts of their own that may be suitable for use at Haddenham, such as alternative crown wheels and pinions originally manufactured for other models.

The First Six Thousand

N every week-day (9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Saturday) streams of vehicles present themselves for a free test at Aerodrome Road, Hendon, London, N.W.9.

In all, 6,393 examinations were carried out between October 11 and December 31, 1955. An analysis of the results shows that only 1,000 or so vehicles did not need attention to major items such as brakes, head lights, steering and tyres, on which the safety of the occupants depended. Drivers of the remainder often had no idea that their cars were unroadworthy, and that they were running risks. It will be recalled that there is no intention of taking legal action against owners of ovehicles found to be faulty at the centre.

Naturally enough, fewer pre-war models were presented than up-to-date ones, and the number with major faults dropped from 97 per cent in the pre-1945 class to 77 of the post-1953 editions. (Braking power in particular of pre-war cars does not often reach a high standard.) About a third of the most modern category, however, had wrongly aimed head lights, out of a total 4,662 vehicles which were found wanting under this heading. It should be recalled that results at the experimental Slough testing station showed roughly the same percentage of faulty head light aim. This is, indeed, one of the adjustments presenting most difficulty to a car owner, but also one of the most essential to have correct.

A large number of steering defects were apparent at Hendon—as at Slough—where about half of the cars were faulty in this respect. At the Hendon centre, about one in four were found to need attention, and the most common fault was

excessive play in the steering mechanism —dangerous indeed.

Just under a quarter of the vehicles failed on the brake part of the examination; some, in fact, had no braking power at all under test.

On the subject of brake efficiency, Dr. H. J. H. Starks of the Road Research Laboratory has made an interesting speech to Manchester engineers. Stressing the fact that complete control of a vehicle could be obtained if adequate braking could be provided without the wheels locking, he urged those concerned to concentrate on four aspects of design and engineering: preventing the wheels from locking when braked; research into the path taken by a car with out of balance brakes on various surfaces; improving the design so that even the effects of wear and maladjustment were minimized; and, lastly, research into the reason for braking inefficiency on the reawheels of cars of recent date (a post-war phenomenon).

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He added some remarks on the important "Maxaret" anti-skid system, used on some aircraft to prevent the locking of landing wheels when the machine was braked by the pilot. Tests had been carried out by the laboratory on a car fitted with the device—which has been developed by the Dunlop Rubber Company—with a certain degree of success. But, said Dr. Starks, it was too complicated at present for automobile use.

Tyres were found to be faulty at Hen-

Tyres were found to be faulty at Hendon in 368 cases, contrary to the Slough findings, but again direction indicators, windscreen wipers, doors, bodywork and springs accounted for a number of points lost. On other cars the steering boxes were loose; and one vehicle had a cracked chassis—in three places.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Jensen Dearer

WITH effect from the beginning of the month the basic price of the Jensen 541 has been increased by £150. New prices are as follows, with the original prices in parentheses.

Basis Price Total Price
Jensen 541 1.455 & d (1,285) 2.153 17 d (1,929)
No alterations have been announced in the prices of the other two Jensen models, the Interceptor and the convertible.

On the Increase

MOTOR vehicle registrations, and road accidents, continued to rise on both sides of the Atlantic during 1955. Provisional casualty figures for Great Britain show a 10 per cent increase in deaths (5,517 in 1955), while in the United States the figure rose by eight per cent to 38,300. Vehicles on the British roads also increased by about 10 per cent over a 12-monthly period.

Humber and Singer Appointments

CHAIRMANSHIP of Humber, Ltd. and its subsidiary companies has been relinquished by Sir William Rootes, G.B.E.; new chairman will be Sir Reginald Rootes. Sir William will continue to serve on the board, and this change of office in no way affects his position as chairman of the Rootes Group. Sir William has now taken over the chairmanship of Singer Motors, Ltd.; Mr. A. E. Hunt has been appointed deputy chairman of the new subsidiary.

New Engine for A.C. Cars

AS an optional extra, the Ace and Aceca products of A.C. Cars, Ltd., are to be made available with the two-litre Bristol engine. The normal two-litre six-cylinder A.C. engine will continue to be the standard power unit for these cars, but the Bristol engine is intended to meet competition requirements, providing more power at high revs and an increased maximum speed said to be approaching 130 m.p.h.

Engineers at Dinner

POADS were the chief topic in the two speeches at the dinner of the Automobile Division of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers at the Dorchester Hotel, London, last Friday. Dr. C. G. Williams, the chairman, said that since 1938 the output of motor vehicles in the United Kingdom had increased threefold, and so had the output of oil. "We are all hoping," he added, "that the authorities will wake up over our antiquated roads and give the civil engineers the opportunity for which they are eagerly waiting."

Five hundred attended the dinner—as usual a remarkable cross-section of the industry's engineering and design sides. A special reference was made by the chairman to Dr. E. A. Watson, director and chief engineer of Joseph Lucas, Ltd., who was recently awarded the 1955 James Clayton Prize. In terms of Dr. Watson's achievements and their scope, no award, said Dr. Williams could be more appro-



Forty of the new Yield signs authorized by the Minister of Transport are being erected in the vicinity of Slough, town of the safety experiment. In some cases they will replace existing Slow or Halt signs, and will come into effect on February 23. Editorial comment will be found on page 147

Fiat in Australia

A SSEMBLY of Fiat cars will begin at Fisherman's Bend, Melbourne, early this year. Assembly will commence with the Fiat 1,100 and will be followed by the smaller 600 model. Italian specialists and factory technicians will go to Australia to supervise the establishment of the plant and factory assembly procedures. At the start, up to 35 per cent Australian labour and materials will be used, but it is hoped that this percentage will rise to 75 to 80 per cent later.

No Trophy for 1955

THERE will be no award of the Dewar Trophy for 1955, the R.A.C. has announced. This award may be made annually by the Club for the most outstanding British technical performance in the field of automobile engineering; it was founded in 1904 by Sir Thomas R. Dewar, M.P. In the opinion of the Committee no achievement of sufficient merit was made during the year. The last award of the Dewar Trophy was in 1951 to Jaguar Cars, Ltd., for their performance in four major international events.

Roads for Germany

SPEAKING at a luncheon of the Road-farers' Club, Mr. W. Andrews, chairman of the Royal Automobile Club, underlined the hopeless inadequacy of Britain's road plans. During the present inancial year, he said, the government would spend eight millon pounds on new roads and major improvements. But in Germany a ten-year construction plan had been started which would cost, on average, £191 million a year. In more simple terms, Germany will spend Britain's annual road expenditure every fortnight. Lord Brabazon, who presided over the luncheon, said: "What strikes me about this road question is how people put up with it without making a riot. We have got to get tough with the authorities"



RAPIER IN SWEDEN: The first of the new Sunbeam Rapiers to be seen in Stockholm was recently driven up from Oslo, having been shipped over with the successful Monte Carlo Sunbeam team. It is reported that the car made an excellent impression and as leader of the convoy it set the expert drivers of the earlier model a spanking pace which they matched only with difficulty. It is probable that the next Sunbeam Rally entries will include Rapiers

Diesel Economy

FIFTEEN Mercedes-Benz 180D cars (diesel powered) have been tested in Germany for fuel economy over a distance of 435 miles. The winning car covered 60.11 m.p.g. of diesel fuel while averaging 41 m.p.h.; but freewheeling and unusual driving methods were permitted.

First British Car to Argentine

TWENTY cars and four chassis have now been exported from Britain to Buenos Aires; these are the first to enter the Argentine since the revolutionary government lifted the import restrictions imposed by Juan Peron.

Inflated Ideas

THE news that London's buses are to be 6in wider and 1ft longer when a replacement fleet of Routemaster vehicles. gets under way will not incite motorists to wild enthusiasm. It is good to note that quantity production will not start until 1958, so that only prototypes will increase city congestion for the time being.

3-Wheeler Hard Top

HARD top conversions can be obtained for the Bond Minicar Marks A, R and C. They are made of reinforced Fibreglass, and are available in any colour without extra cost. Prices are: A and B, £17 10s; C standard, £18 15s; C family, £20 5s. The manufacturers are Sharples Engineering Co., Ltd., Chorley Road, Bamber Bridge, Preston, Lancashire.



NEW CARAYAN from Eccles, Ltd., is the Dominant; it replaces the well-tried Alert, of which more than 6,000 have been made. The new model has two doors, and is a 14ft four-berth design weighing 17 cwt; the price of the caravan is £382

Where Shall We Stay?

MOTORISTS who are beginning to think about this year's holiday will find a very useful hotel guide in a booklet issued by the British Travel and Holidays Association, 64-65, St. James's Street, London, S.W.1. Rates for 1956 are quoted of over 4,000 hotels, and there is also a gazetteer and other notes helpful to the tourist. The price is 5s.

Large versus Small in America

THE American public can be sure that the latest automobile design from Detroit will give him exactly what he wants; surveys and mass observation take care of that. The Continental car, on the other hand, is judged a success by its performance—its ability, say, to cross the finishing line after 24 gruelling hours at Le Mans, and the first consideration of the designer is not what the mass wants in detail finish. This difference in attitude on either side of the Atlantic is stressed by Mr. J. Bruce McWilliams, writing in the American journal The Commercial and Financial Chronicle. He adds, moreover, that American models, "in aspiring for something more glamorous, attempt to combine the styling of jet aircraft with the proportions of an ark." Well, he said it, in Uncle Sam's words.

It is indeed true that, in most families, the purchase of an automobile comes second only in importance to the acquisition of a house. The author bewails the fact that the American car has become so characteristic that there is no longer any joy in going for a Sunday drive; it has turned, indeed, into "something resembling a Lackawanna ferry." The British vehicle on the other hand, although not so luxuriously fitted, remains "personal" to drive.

Then comes a comment important to manufacturers on this side of the Atlantic: that small Buropean cars are now being purchased in America by those requiring "just transportation"—a

new section of the market. The economy and compact size—a great convenience in a country rapidly approaching the two-automobiles-per-family stage— makes them popular. Mr. McWilliams traces the post-war history of British cars in America back to 1948, when the invasion started with Austins, who sold more than 8,000 in the U.S. that year; hot on their heels came Ford's of Dagenham, Hillman and M.G. Spare parts and distribution were difficult in those days, but in spite of that sales soared until 1954, when the glut of American products depressed the market for British manufacturers.

A matter for wonder, Mr. McWilliams

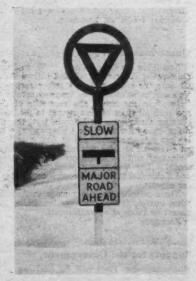
A matter for wonder, Mr. McWilliams continues, is the fact that in spite of the American taste for a change of model every year, European vehicles, which keep their shape much longer, have become popular; their longevity has, in fact, proved one of the points of attraction. Nowadays, the spare parts position is no longer a deterrent; the rise in foreign car sales banished this bogy.

Although final 1955 figures are not yet available, European cars are expected to have done well; perhaps the most encouraging thought for our manufacturers is that buying a foreign make is now "looked upon as the smart thing to do practically, as well as socially." And as everyone knows, when a thing is "done" in social circles, its name is more or less made. One word of caution: while 1954 was a black year for other European models, the Volkswagen sales curve continued to shoot upwards.

Successful Year for the Industry

BRITISH cars were produced at the rate of one every nine seconds of the working period last year, to a total of 897,562. This compares with the previous year's total of 769,165. Less than half of the total production (373,203) was exported, valued at £122 million. The best export market for British vehicles was Australia, absorbing 99,213—or approximately one-quarter of the total exports. The effect of the industry's expansion schemes—costing well over £100 million for factories in this country alone—is still negligible, so that manufacturers are aiming at a still higher rate of production in 1956.

Perhaps the Government should try to remember that the income earned by the motor industry exceeds a million pounds a day every day of the year.



Deep snow on a Lincolnshire country road at East Torrington, near Market Rasen

The pier and lighthouse at Donaghadee, Co. Down; in the back-ground are the Copeland Islands

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Worried Caravanner

Low Gear Needed. Without expressing any view on overdrives, way I protest against Mr. D. McGregor's supposition che Autocar, January 20) that a 10 to 1 bottom gear is appropriate for the Austin Westminster? The trend towards higher bottom gears is disturbing to caravanners, who may be baulked on a steep hill and have to re-start, or need to make a getaway on rough ground.

But the need is not confined to caravanners; many of your readers must have had to creep along at less than walking pace in dense traffic, or crawl uphill following

a heavy lorry. London, W.C.1.

W. M. WHITEMAN.

Night Roads

Experience of the "Heavy" Drivers. Mr. R. Morgan states (The Autocar, January 27) that since 1948 he has travelled some 10,000 miles a year at night. May I say that this is a very small mileage compared with the trunk drivers, who cover that distance in less than 11 weeks. Perhaps a little while—say three years—on London-Hull trunk routes with a 16-tonner would qualify him to criticipe them brillions desired.

him to criticize these brilliant drivers.

I only wish I could drive like the London-Glasgow coach drivers; then there would not be a hat to fit me! Market Weighton, Yorkshire. N. E. BUXTON.

Quatermass Microbus

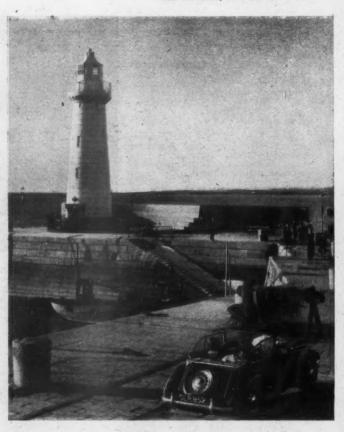
Where Were the British Cars? When I saw the new film The Where were the British Cars? When I saw the new him I he Quatermass Experiment, which I believe is drawing large crowds all over the country, I was rather surprised to notice that a Volkswagen Microbus was featured several times in prominent "shots" in the film. The versatility of this car—seating six, and with all types of gear stowed in the back through the rearopening doors—was striking; in fact, the film appeared to be a first-class sales effort for Volkswagens. Could not one of our big car manufacturers such as Austin or Standard have offered an estate car free for this job? The ambulances were no doubt "vintage," and the Austin car which appeared was an 8-year-old model. The Volkswagen Microbus was obviously brand new, and if this film is shown abroad it could have a bad effect on our car exports.

These mistakes are never made in America, where any films taken outside feature the very latest cars; some of them could almost be taken as advertisements. ROVER DRIVER.

Ramsgate.

Support for the Government

Roadworthiness Tests will be Excellent. As a dealer with more than 20 years' experience in the motor trade, I should like to congratulate the Government on their proposal to make road-worthiness tests compulsory. I think it is an excellent idea. It is most important that every car on the road should be mechani-



cally sound. The tests should reduce road accidents and make drivers more mechanically minded.

As we give six months' guarantee on a post-war car, and three months' on a pre-war car, every vehicle that leaves our showroom is roadworthy. Buyers these days are far more choosey than before, they usually want a guarantee, and the fly-by-night dealer cannot provide it. People who sell cars with no guarantee and no conscience are finished.

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London, N.W.6. RAYMOND WAY.

Motoring Inflation

Car Values are in Proportion. In his interesting article "Motoring Inflation" (The Autocar, January 27), Mr. Michael Payne comments on the Ford Popular as "sold for an uncommonly low figure not strictly comparable with the price of new

When specification comparisons are made between the Ford Popular, at a basic price of £275, and the Standard Basic Eight pre-June 1955 at £339, it becomes clear that the Standard was

much keener value, as follows:

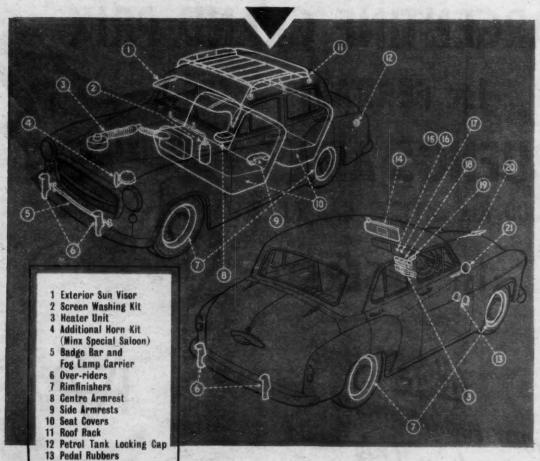
Standard Eight 4 doors
Quality headiamps and sidelamps
12 volts
Chromium-plated bumpers
Oh.v. engine with water pump and
Positive speed electric wiper
Modern i.f.s.
Hydraulic brakes
Hydraulic clutch control.

Ford Popular 2 doors diameter headlamps with 8 mail type sidelamps voits voits. Aluminium-painted bumpers S.v. engine Intermittent speed suction wiper Transverse springing. Mechanical brakes Mechanical clutch control.

Mr. Payne also comments on the price increases on the Standard Basic Eight in June and October, 1955. For the £20 rise in June, 1955, Standards gave winding windows on all four doors, with no-draught ventilators in the front doors. Other improvements were: fully trimmed four door panels; push-button door openers. In October, 1955, a further £10 was added to the price, but this provided chromium hub plates, twin windscreen wipers, two sun vizors, Vynide upholstery instead of Tygan fabric, and some other minor changes. But, of the £30, none of the items mentioned improved running performance.

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I for one would have liked the Standard Basic Eight to be continued but the manufacturers with their up-to-date market research evidently know more than others what the majority of their customers require. But it must be disappointing to find that most of their customers do not want a modern basic car in a cheaper price bracket; until large numbers of the buying public show that they want the really good design without frills, such a vehicle will never be put on the market. Stockton-on-Tees, Co. Durham. T. D. Purvis.

Topical Poetry

Robert Burns on Shocking Roads. At a time when the works Robert Burns on Shocking Roads. At a time when the works of Robert Burns are receiving much attention, it is interesting to find that the poet was moved to express himself on the condition of the roads in his day. No doubt if he were alive today he would be a worthy spokesman for the long-suffering motorists. The following Epigram on Rough Roads, written over 150 years ago, might well be presented unaltered to Councils and Corporations who are responsible for the condition of our roads.

I'm now arrived—thanks to the gods!— Through pathways rough and muddy, A certain sign that makin' roads Is no this people's study:

Although I'm not wi' Scripture crammed, I'm sure the Bible says
That heedless sinners shall be damm'd, Unless they mend their "ways.

Stevenston, Ayrshire.

A. C. Hoop.

Come for a Ride

Procedure at Roundabouts. It was most interesting to read in The Autocar, January 13, Mr. Sammy Davis' comments on the behaviour of other road-users.

Shirley Carpenter would have made her article even more interesting if only she had been able to tell us the comments of the driver following Mr. Davis as he "flipped out right and left indicators as we half-circled the roundabout . . ."

Any driver unfortunate enough to be following must have been utterly confused by such signalling, particularly in view of the fact that Mr. Davis intended to go neither to the right

or the fact that Mr. Davis intended to go neither to the right nor the left, but straight on.

Personally I have always understood that one's signals should show clearly what it is intended to do, rather than what is being done at the time. Flipping out indicators as described in the article cannot possibly be interpreted correctly by drivers of other cars in the vicinity.

Ruislip, Middlesex. A. J. TIGWELL.

[Police instructors agree with "Sammy" Davis on the use of left and right indicators at a roundabout; many experienced drivers, however, including *The Autocar* staff, prefer not to use this signal—ED.]

Orthodoxy with Reservations

Mr. Lanchester Replies: Your leader (The Autocar, January 20) puts the challenging question: "Why were British manufacturers behind in adopting independent front suspension?"

In this connection it is interesting that i.f.s. originated in Britain. The Stephens of 1900 (or was it cariier?), which makes its annual appearance in the Veteran Car Run to Brighton, was the first example, though it is unlikely that the design used would have survived. Then, around 1910-13, came two inventions both based on parallel link motion, which were the basis of all modern designs.

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The real necessity for i.f.s. arrived concurrently with the adoption of four-wheel brakes and low-pressure tyres. The former increased the moment of inertia of the beam front axle, and the softer tyre increased the amplitude of deflection and lowered the frequency of bounce. In combination these two features caused front wheel "tramp" and "shimmy" well below the maximum driving speed, characteristics which, with hard tyres and an unloaded axle beam, had previously not occurred until speeds above the normal maximum. Hence, before 1920, there was virtually no requirement for i.f.s.

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At first, various devices were employed as "shimmy dampers" a some manufacturers partially overcame this trouble by

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stiffening the front springs to reduce the amplitude of bounce, and increasing the friction of steering linkage to assist in damping out the tendency to "shimmy."

The reason why independent rear suspension is not essential

is that the rear wheels are restrained from deflection due to gyroscopic torque by the rigidity of the rear axle. The front wheels are subject to this deflection on account of the steering

It will be obvious therefore that the British inventors referred to above were years before their time, and hence their designs were rejected on the grounds of increased complication and cost. The one exception to this was the B.S.A. three-wheeler, which, from its inception, had i.f.s. which was basically a parallel link motion

It is also interesting to note that the rear engine is also a revival of early practice, e.g., Benz, Mors and 1895 Lanchester. I hazard the opinion that if engines had been as reliable in

those early days as they are today, the front end position would never have been adopted. It was expedient then to place the engine only in the most accessible position.

The few manufacturers who defied convention were vulnerable

to the argument of the astute salesman, who could condemn the unorthodox by the famous phrase: "It cannot be right or all unorthodox by the famous phrase: "the other manufacturers would do it."

It is difficult to know why British manufacturers are slow to adopt revolutionary ideas. Is it British caution? Or commercial inertia? One would think that such problems would be worthy of scientific research and experiment.

Itchenor, Chichester. GEO. H. LANCHESTER.

Enthusiast? Yes!

The Real Definition. What is an enthusiast? Does he necessarily drive an open M.G., a TR3, an Austin-Healey, or even a Ford-engined Morgan?

I drive none of these cars, nor any car resembling them. Proud owners never mention my marque in your columns.

Your correspondent who proposes forming a club for New Prefect or Anglia owners is coming closer to my level but I

Prefect or Anglia owners is coming closer to my level, but I cannot rise even to those heights.

Yet I call myself an enthusiast. My circumstances are such that my enthusiasm is lavished on a Ford Popular. My car has, as the dealers say, many extras. I love driving it as I have loved driving its predecessors. Be it on a shopping trip, an afternoon potter, or a real run, I am perfectly happy with the wheel between my fingers. I like to consider myself a skilful driver, inconveniencing none, and harming my car in no way. I read books on motoring I spend hours with The Autocas and—dare I say it?—other motoring journals, and I spend hours over, and under, my car with hose and duster.

Am I justified then, in calling myself an enthusiast? And are there other Popular owners like me? Or worse?

Ayr, Ayrshire.

ELEVEN SEVENTY-TWO. Yet I call myself an enthusiast. My circumstances are such

Cape to Cape

Citroen Run Disputed. Citroen Run Disputed. Following Mr. G. L. N. Minchin's letter (The Autocar, January 20), I am quite prepared to learn now that Everest was climbed years ago.

Shortly after my return to England, claims were put forward to the Austin Motor Co., Ltd., that two Swedes had travelled from North Arctic Cape to Cape Town some time before me. Thorough investigation was made by Austins both in Norway and in Cape Town, and the Swedes were compelled to dismiss the claim that they had beaten us to it in a German Volkswagen.

In the event of any further claims being put forward may I suggest that the Austin Motor Co., Ltd., should reply and confirm absolutely that the Westminster was the first car ever to do the run?

London, W.1.

[We can find no record of any car being driven from Cape to Cape before the Austin Westminster.—Ep.]

PRODUCT OF GENIUS

New Lotus Shows Further Evidence of Infinite Capacity for Taking Pains

THE value of reducing those archenemies of performance—weight and drag—has been demonstrated by Colin Chapman in his evolution of the Lotus sports car. For the coming season this process has been carried a few stages Lotus sports car. For the coming season this process has been carried a few stages further and the performance of the new Lotus-Climax Eleven Le Mans will be tested first at Sebring, U.S.A., in the twelve-hour sports car race on March 24. Three of the new cars will be fitted with the renowned Coventry-Climax F.W.A. engine with Mark II tuning, and the fourth, belonging to Briggs Cunningham and to be driven by Chapman and L. Bastrup, will be powered by the 1,460 c.c. F.W.B. version of the same basic engine. The chassis frame is of the space type, constructed mainly from lin and £in round and square section tubes for the main members; their thickness is either 18 or 20 s.w.g., dependent upon the load. Gas welding is used throughout the structure. The frame is approximately 2in lower than last year, to give unobstructed access to the carburettor side of the engine. Kerb weight with oil and

obstructed access to the carburettor side of the engine. Kerb weight with oil and water, but without fuel and spare wheel, is the remarkably low one of 855 lb (7\(\frac{2}{6}\) cwt). On the starting line this should give an all-up weight of 1,150 lb. Per-formance-wise, this gives about 160 b.h.p. per ton for the 1,100 c.c. version and a shade over 190 b.h.p. per ton for the 11.l.lire 13-litre.

Aerodynamic efficiency has been in-creased by full enclosure of the front and rear wheels, achieved by hinging the nose and tail sections at their extremities. Thus the whole chassis can be exposed. Furthermore, the hinged-up sections can be removed while the car is on racing-type

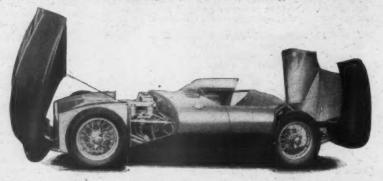
jacks.

The characteristic stabilizing fins over the rear wheels of the Mark IX have been considerably reduced and a detachable head fairing is now fitted. A metal cover is provided over the passenger's seat. A heat-formed Perspex windscreen wraps round the driver and merges into the head

fairing. For normal competition a 9½-gallon fuel tank is outrigged from the chassis frame on the passenger's side, but this can be augmented by a second 11gallon tank on the right side.

A considerable saving of weight has been achieved on the final drive unit and de Dion rear axle. The nosepiece carrying the spiral bevel and differential assembly is a standard production unit with which alternative ratios 5.125, 4.89,

opposed taper roller bearings at each side opposed taper roller bearings at each stide for the wheels and their effective base is wider than with the two ball races previously used. Their use, in conjunction with the closer spacing of the disc brake assembly, has permitted longer axle drive shafts as the outboard universal joint is much closer to the wheel. Thus the angularity of the shafts and consequent move. larity of the shafts and consequent move-ment of the sliding splines is reduced. This hub assembly, with a controlled



The nose section of the car hinges forward for access to the engine and suspension. panelling is arranged to hinge upwards in a similar manner for access to the final drive unit, brakes and suspension

4.55 and 4.22 to 1 are available. Special 4.55 and 4.22 to 1 are available. Special crown wheel and bevel pinions are also being manufactured to obtain ratios of 3.89 and 3.66 for fast circuits. A new magnesium final drive casing has been designed specifically for the Girling inboard disc brakes. The caliper assembly is mounted forward to reduce offset of the de Dion tube, and unsprung weight is reduced by about 15 lb. This redesign of the rear end has saved eight oil seals, for which Chapman claims that he gains approximately one horsepower, which is typical of his approach.

The hub of the de Dion axle carries two

length of spacer between the two taper roller bearings to achieve a required degree of preload, is locked up by the wheel nut, which results in a very light assembly.

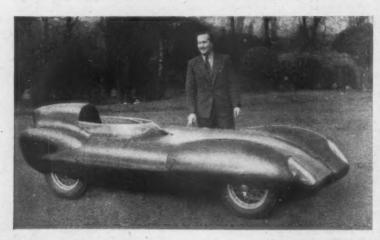
assembly.

Modifications to the mounting of the integral coil spring and damper unit have resulted in the de Dion tube being relieved of torsional loadings. Location of the axle tube is achieved by tubular rods, the ends of which are rubber bushed. For and aft location is by two parallel arms at and aft location is by two parallel arms at each side, which obviates torsional loading of the axle tube. Transverse location is by means of a further radius tube on the right-hand side, which forms a modified A bracket with the lower fore and aft arms. This triangular member is so arranged that the effect is of a Panhard rod some six feet long, which results in a near enough vertical movement of the de Dion tube.

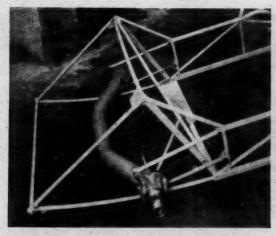
Front suspension is by divided front axle, controlled by a radius arm each side. Sooner or later the inherent disadvantages of this type of suspension for racing will have to be recognized. Colin Chapman freely admits that he has managed to keep abreast of increasing speeds by lowering the roll centre from time to time. A further reduction of 3 in has been achieved and it is now 5½ in above ground level at the front and 9½ in at the rear. This type of suspension is very attractive for use in conjunction with space type frames, as the loads are widely spaced.

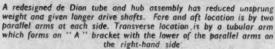
Rack and pinion steering is used, but now the track rods are mounted directly on the end of the rack.

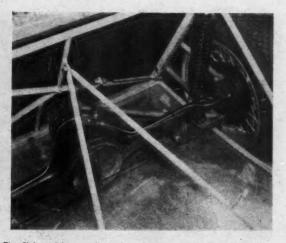
A weight saving of 31 lb has been achieved on the gear box. The casing and selection mechanism is standard Austin A.30, and a special set of running gears has been designed. In designing these gears it has been possible to obtain



Aerodynamic efficiency of the Lotus-Climax Eleven Le Mans model has been improved by enclosing the front wheels and adopting a head fairing in conjunction with a fully wrapped round screen. Weight has also been saved







The Club model uses a live axle with outboard drum and shoe brakes. The locating members are identical with the de Dion version and a conversion to this type is possible without structural alterations

Inboard Girling disc brakes are used at the rear. The caliper assembly is mounted forward to reduce offset to the de Dion tube. The stressed propeller shaft tunnel absorbs the torque reaction loads of the final drive unit

very close ratios to make more effective very close ratios to make more effective use of the engine power. A standard 7½ in single dry plate clutch manufactured by Borg and Beck is used for the 1,100 c.c. engine, but to cater for the increased torque and to enable the same size of clutch housing to be used, the firm is developing a twin plate version of the same size for the 1½-litre engine.

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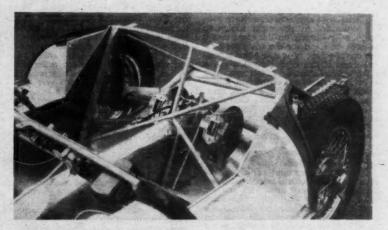
To avoid a bonnet bulge to clear the carburettors, the engine is swung over 10 deg from the vertical towards the car-

burettor side.

The power output of the 1,100 c.c. Coventry-Climax has been increased for coventry-Chinax has been increased for the coming season by the use of a new camshaft with increased lift and valve opening period. With this and a new induction system, but still retaining the twin S.U. 1½in diameter semi-down-draught carburettors, the power output has been increased to 83 b.h.p. at 6,800 r.p.m., with a peak b.m.e.p. of 164 lb per sq in at 5,000 r.p.m. 5,000 r.p.m.

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Coventry Climax are also releasing a limited quantity of their F.W.B. engines of 1,460 c.c. capacity, pending full production next year. These are a direct development of the single camshaft 1,100 c.c. unit. Within the same basic



structure the bore has been increased from 2.850in to 3in, and the stroke similarly from 2.625in to 3.150in. The same cylinder head and valve assembly is retained and thus by the use of a new crankshaft, pistons and cylinder liners, the larger capacity is achieved. Carburettors are the same size, with different needles to suit the modified power curve. The compression ratio is lower at 8.6 to 1.

The F.W.B. engine gives an extremely

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le and Tyrees: Dunlop 13in dia. rims, identical front and rear. Tyres, front 4.50—15in; rear 5.00-15in. Dimensions: Wheelbase, 7ft 2in. Track, front, 3ft 10½in; rear, 3ft. 11in. Overall length, 11ft 2in. Overall width, 5ft. Height (top of fin), 3ft 1in; (top of stuttle), 2ft 3in. Kerb weight less fuel, 855 lb (7½ cort.).

creditable output of 100 b.h.p. at 6,200 r.p.m., which is rather surprising when it is remembered that the valve sizes are common to the 1,100 c.c. unit. If the enviable reputation for reliability which the F.W.A. engine has established can be retained, this latest Godiva development should ensure a similar supremacy in 11-litre classes.

Using the same basic chassis and body, the new car is also available as a cheaper Eleven Glub model. In this form a B.M.C. live axle is used but its location is identical with that of the de Dion version, and the car is thus easily converted if desired. This model is equipped with Girling drum and shoe brakes, the sizes being 9in diameter by 13in wide at the front and 8in diameter by 11in wide at the rear. An Eleven sports model using the Ford 100E 1,172 c.c. engine is also available.

The latest design from this very com-petent young man Chapman should further demonstrate the value of obtaining performance by reducing drag and weight. By approaching these matters scientifically he has jumped to the front in a very short time, and has also built up a very fine and enthusiastic establishment which is now turning out these specialized cars at the rate of four per week H. M.



CATS? EYES

HOUGH many criticisms have been directed at the night navigation rally—largely on the score that it is more of a test for the navigator than the driver—there is no doubt that a wellrun event of this type, blessed with the right weather conditions, can provide a most concentrated test of the skill, intelligence and alertness of the whole crew.
The Thames Estuary Club's Cats' Eyes is one of the outstandingly good outings of this kind and, since it was first held in 1953, the increasing number of applications for entry is evidence of its popularity; though the limit for last weekend's rally was set at 250, over 350

entry forms were received.

One of the attractions of this sort of event is that it can be concentrated into the roads of a very small area and yet cover a healthy distance. The Cats' Eyes started simultaneously from Little Brickhill (near Dunstable) and Southend at 4 p.m. on Saturday, converged via London on Wrotham, and, by Sunday morning, had covered some 400 miles without going farther afield than Kent and East Sussex.

The route was divided into sections, each of a very different type—average speed, Eight Clubs-type, sheer and profound navigation and so on. Every time-control and route check was indicated by a six-figure map reference—there were 74 of them—and the best order in which to visit the checks often required lightning calculations and fast thinking by navigators. Over 150 marshals were required to run the complicated network of controls, and the wall map in the rally nerve-centre at Bearstead looked as though top military tacticians had been having a field-day. The fact that this particular corner of

The fact that this particular corner of England had been under a foot or so of snow for the previous week added considerably to the excitement—despite the reported thaw. From Wrotham to the supper stop at Silver City's Ferryfield airport was comparatively hazard-free. It was a brilliant idea to use the aerodrome buildings, the comfortable chairs and good catering being extremely welcome.

After Ferryfield the route took to a maze of extremely minor reads through

maze of extremely minor roads through Romney marshes, heading mainly north-wards but zig-zagging in all directions.

At Time Control 8-immediately after the supper stop-Watson (M.G. Magnette) came tearing in, drew his supplementary card and discovered that he had failed to call at the supper stop—early misadven-ture after a comparatively straightforward section. Snow, sheet ice and exceedingly twisty roads made this stretch very diffi-cult. The final control of this section which by then had taken to more hilly country—was deep in wet snow and on a steep hill. Many precious seconds were in trying to get away from the marshals' bivouac.

As the route wound its way back through northern Kent an Eight Clubs section was included. Six map references had to be visited in order; at each was a card bearing a figure and number—A4 was the first—and at one was given, in addition, the order in which to place the figures to arrive at the map reference which terminated the section. Thus by a single mistake in map reading a whole section could be missed with consequent considerable loss of marks. By this stage, Wrotham, where cars from the two starting points converged: Douglas Johns (Austin A.50 modified), with snow tyres which were to prove their worth many times over, prepares to set out on the section to Ferryfield

most of the field was running late-except those who had already given up the struggle. D. Smith's 1,100 TV Fiat was, as it appeared to do throughout the rally, maintaining station in the lead (his number, if worn, would have been 2).

As each control was visited through the

night, the inevitable report from the marshals was that No. 2 had passed through in the lead, going well. Despite this, Smith lost considerably on the average speed section, which put him well down the list. This section entailed setting oneself an average between the first two controls and maintaining it between the second and third, and the third and fourth. As no advance knowledge was obtainable of the nature of the second two stages, it was impossible to judge accordingly the best speed through the first. Tomassi's Magnette was seen, running an hour be-hind schedule, with front bumper secured by a smart blue tie borrowed from one of the crew. The hour had been lost in hauling the car from a ditch on an icy corner.
At around breakfast time on Sunday

the cars began to arrive at the Felbridge Hotel, on A22 outside East Grinstead, practically without exception late. Even the more expert had decided that to cover the entire route was impossible and so had omitted one or two of the route checks. This approach had not been overlooked by the organizers who had worked out a pro rata system of an equivalent in minutes late for every route check omitted.

RESULTS

Trophy (best performance): Ford Davis), 155 marks lost. Navigator's

ss winners: Production tearing case.
o.a.: Ford Anglia (G. E. Todd), 195:
M.O. Magnette (D. C. Buill, 370;
M.O. Magnette (D. C. Buill, 370;
E. Builling, 1988)
Spotts (R. J. Randall), 465; 1.388
o. Spotts (R. J. Randall), 465; 1.384
o. (S. Moore), 160; 1.481 to 2.588;
(C. M. Seward), 325; 0ver 2.589
o. (S. P. A. Freeman), 545. 3pec
n A50 (D. Johns), 245.

Team awards: individual: Ford—H. Terry, M. W. Baker and A. G. Davis, 775 aggregate. Club: no complete team finished. Ladies' award: no finishers within time limit.

LADY WIGRAM TROPHY

HE second of the New Zealand race meetings, the Lady Wigram Trophy, was held on January 21 at Christ-th. The main race for the trophy church. itself resulted in a win for Peter White head's Ferrari. From the start the two head's Ferrari. From the start the two Ferraris driven by Whitehead and Gaze took the lead, with Marr's Connaught-Jaguar and Parnell's single-seater Aston Martin close behind. This order was maintained among the leaders throughout the race, Whitehead and Gaze leading the field across the line as they did in 1954. Marr held on to Gaze for a while until the Ferrari put up a new lap record of 1min 26.7sec. Unable to make full use of his maximum speed, Marr had to be content to remain in third place, and gave up the struggle. Parnell's Aston Martin was not running well and was lapped by the three leaders. Even more galling, it was threatened by Jensen's Mark IX Cooper.

Though the race lacked interest, the battle for first New Zealand car home did much to keep the crowd happy. Jensen and Frost, both in Coopers, were at it hammer and tongs throughout the race. With 20 laps to go Frost refuelled; then Jensen came in for fuel, but his pit work was not so quick and Frost thereby gained a lead of several hundred yards.

With only one lap to go Frost's chain With only one lap to go Frost's chain parted, and although his pit staff rushed out with a spare he could do no better than eighth place. Jensen, therefore, took the New Zealand honours from Shuter in his Cadillac Special, its outstanding acceleration proving invaluable on the straights, though the car was a handful on corners. Roycroft in the Bugatti-Jaguar was third New Zealander home.

Tom Sulman (Aston Martin DB3S) was the only Australian left in the race when

the only Australian left in the race when David McKay, also in a DB3S, withdrew through lack of tyres (tyre wear at the meeting was very considerable); but Sulman retired before half-distance—again with differential failure (this trouble had put him out of the race at Ardmore). He obtained another complete unit from Parnell, but this failed after a little over 100 miles' racing.

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LE MANS

JOHNNY CLAES

HERE WE ARE, at the beginning of February, with no official announcement about Le Mans. Nobody knows when the race is going to be held, and nobody knows with any certainty what sort of car to build and prepare for the race.

For the past two or three months several dates have been considered—and subsequently revised; the present suggestion, August 4-5, is in danger of being altered because it clashes with the Swedish G.P. for sports cars. Not unnaturally, the Swedish club is reluctant to give up its date. The following weekend, August 11-12, is already bespoken to an International meeting at Oulton Park and, in France, La Baule; August 18 is booked for the Pescara G.P. The Swiss Grand Prix, which was to have been held on August 19, has now been officially cancelled. This decision has been taken by the government of the Berne Canton because it is felt that it would be impossible to provide absolute protection for the public on the Bremgarten circuit. Thus, provided that Pescara can be post-poned, August 18-19 becomes available for Le Mans.

That the Department of the Sarthe is well aware of the importance of the race is demonstrated by the tremendous amount of work going on in the pit area and the fact that assurance has been given that the circuit will be ready in time for the proposed August 4-5 date. It is even probable that it will be ready before then, and June 10-11 is currently fashionable. Surely the lesser task of arranging the date could be accomplished successfully? The hundreds of people who make an annual pilgrimage from this country are already beginning to worry about cross-Channel and hotel bookings; the fact that the race may be held in August, at the height of the holiday season, adds to the transport and hotel problems.

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Then there is the question—even more important—of the Le Mans regulations. The accident which precipitated the present situation took place eight months ago. Since then, the F.I.A., as the international body governing all motor sport, has made no decision whatever concerning this year's race. It is little short of disgraceful that following the recent C.S.I. meeting at Monte Carlo no official decision has been made or communiqués issued. The F.I.A. meets at Baden-Baden on May 22—less than three months before the proposed date for the race—and until then the various points discussed and suggestions made at successive C.S.I. meetings cannot be thrashed out. In the meantime there is no official ruling as to the types of car eligible and no official announcement

from the F.I.A. as to the manner in which the cars are to differ from last

In spite of this official silence, it has been learned that the Automobile Club de L'Ouest's set of rules for the 1956 Le Mans race (issued by the A.C.O. to interested parties as a pamphlet last November) have received almost complete approval from the delegates. They have decided to accept them and to include the specifications in the future text of the International Sporting Code—subject, of course, to full approval of the F.I.A. at Baden-Baden in May and not ocome into force until 1957. The suggested 2½-litre limit for prototypes is still under discussion, so this particular point may yet be omitted from the text of the A.C.O.'s recommendations.

So this year's Le Mans is to be run somewhat unsatisfactorily according to a set of rules which nobody has any real intention of enforcing—or, indeed, the right to enforce. The A.C.O., as organizer of the race, can and will impose its own formula by-exercising its right to select. As a result of the pamphlet, over 100 entries have been received; it is reasonable to assume that, out of these, at least 50 cars (the maximum permitted number) will comply to some degree with these regulations. It is also probable that manufacturers, in the knowledge that no official regulations are likely to be issued for this year, will build their cars to the proposed 1957 regulations—but what a nebulous state of affairs. And what a thing it is that the greatest sports car event of the year should not count towards the World Sports Car Championship.

Sports Car Championship.

Like the mills of the gods, the F.I.A., through the C.S.I., grinds exceeding slow. This is completely out of place in such a modern and fast-moving sphere. We have seen, in America, the Contest Board of the A.A.A. lose, or yield up its authority as the governing body of American sport. If the F.I.A. does not reorganize its cumbersome and slow methods we may well see it lose control of the international sporting scene.

TO HIS MANY friends on this side of the Channel the news of the death through illness of "Johnny" Claes will have come as a great shock and an almost personal bereavement. Born in London in 1916, Claes took up motor racing in 1949 and quickly built up for himself a reputation as a fast and safe driver. He became Belgian champion in 1950 for the first time. Among his outstanding victories was his win for H.W.M. in the G.P. des Frontières at Chimay in 1951 and, in the same year, the tough Liége-Rome-Liége Rally for Jaguar. In the 1953 Liége-Rome-Liége, which he also won, he drove single-handed for 52 hours when his co-driver was taken ill. At Le Mans last year, driving with Jacques Swaters, his yellow D-type Jaguar was third in the general classification, and in 1954 his Porsche won its class.

The great enthusiasm and personal charm of John Claes will be sadly missed by all who are concerned with motor racing

THE HIGHLAND RALLY, which for the past few years has become somewhat over-easy, is to take on a new lease of life this year. The Scottish Sporting Car Club has decided that it shall be organized in a really ambitious and efficient manner by an experienced group of

people who have been hard at work for several months already; this year, too, the event will be run under Scottish Daily Express sponsorship. Prizes will exceed £250, with a challenge trophy and £50 for the winner and lesser awards in each of the seven classes. Classes will be divided into Production Touring (standard and modified), Grand Touring and Production Sports cars.

Production Sports cars.

The marking in the rally will be such that excellent driving-test performances will compensate for minor road errors, but not for serious loss of marks on the road sections. There will, however, be special awards for test performances. The first away will leave the two starting points—Glasgow and Carlisle—at 8.01 p.m. on Good Friday, March 30, first competitors will arrive at the rally head-quarters at Pitlochry from about 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 31. The Sunday section will be less severe and will include several driving tests; the final stages, on Easter Monday, will traverse the Highlands, finishing at the Gleneagles Hotel.

Regulations can be obtained from W. L. B. Callander, 100, West Regent Street, Glasgow, C.2.

LAST OF THE three Argentine events, the Mendoza Grand Prix, went to J. M. Fangio in a Ferrari. After gyrating early in the race, Moss brought his Maserati up into second place and the rest of the distance seems to have developed into a keen struggle by Moss to get into the lead. In fact, Fangio led from start to finish; the difference in their times is just about accounted for by the time lost by Moss during his spin. Peter Collins (Ferrari) was fifth and Mike Hawthorn dropped out with engine defects when the Owen Maserati was lying fourth. Provisional results are as follows:

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MASERATI, at any rate, seem to think that there is good publicity to be obtained from racing. For the first time on record, the firm has appointed a works driver for Australian events. British-born Reg Hunt took delivery at the end of last month of a 1956 formula 1 car. While at Modena, Hunt was first given a last year's car to drive on the Autodrome where Musso and Castellotti were also practising. His lap times seem to have bettered those of much more experienced drivers and it was this performance that decided the firm to give him the gold Trident badge which signifies appointment as a works driver.

THE TROUBLE is that I don't go to Italy often enough [mental note to see editor about this, using Ken Gregory's grizzle as lever]. The Stirling Moss office tells me that information received from a previously reliable source in Milan was wrong for once, and the details I handed on about the pay Stirling Moss and Jean Behra are to get from Maserati are not at all as stated.

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The points which I thought worth mentioning were the ways in which top-line racing drivers can be paid—salary, starting money, prize money, family travel allowances, insurance and so on. The sums themselves, wrong or right for the drivers mentioned, mean about as much to me as the American defence estimates.

Peter Garnier.

IN BRIEF

Mr. W. P. Howard has been appointed publicity manager of Ferodo, Ltd.

New premises were opened by Dunn's Garages (Sunderland), Ltd., at Roker Avenue, Sunderland, on Tuesday, Janu-

A Philips MotoRadio is now available for the Bond Minicar at £23 2s. It can be countersunk into the facia without absorbing pocket space.

A Marfak and Havoline service week will be held by Billingham Motors, Ltd., Service Road. Billingham, County Durham, commencing on February 13.

Mr. A. B. Macintosh, formerly general manager of Lincoln Cars, Ltd., has been appointed general sales manager of Brooklands of Bond Street, Ltd., 103, New Bond Street, London, W.1.

In the face of international competition, Tudor Accessories, Ltd., of Hayes, Middlesex, have been awarded the contract for supplying windscreen washers as standard equipment for Alfa Romeo cars.

Having disposed of his interests in Alpe and Saunders, Ltd., after 30 years as chairman, Mr. A. F. Alpe is now special-

New showrooms have been opened in North Audley Street, London, W.I. for Austin-Healey cars near the American Embassy, as a large proportion of home sales are to American service personnel. The design was produced to the instructions of Mr. Donald Healey by the staff of Trollope and Sons (London) Ltd.

izing in the purchase and sale of limousines at 30, Oldbury Place, Marylebone High Street, London, W.1.

The British Road Federation has moved to 26, Manchester Square, London, W.I, where the telephone number is Welbeck 0221. The nearest underground station is Bond Street.

The Hinshaw trophy has been awarded for 1955 to the Wolverhampton factory of the Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Co. (Great Britain), Ltd. The trophy is awarded by the parent company for the lowest accident frequency rate of all the Goodynay factories. Goodyear factories.

To mark the 50th anniversary of the John Bull Rubber Co., Ltd., of Leicester, and its associated companies, a dinner will be held on February 17 in Leicester at which the attendance will be more than 1,800. The dinner will be the largest of its kind to be held in the city.

At the recent annual general meeting of the Motor and Cycle Trades Benevolent Fund, Mr. R. G. Emmett was elected as chairman, and Mrs. Doris M. Clark as vice-chairman. Mr. G. Selwyn Smith was re-elected honorary treasurer, and Miss M. Butcher honorary secretary of the London

Books Received

The Story of the R.A.S.C. 1939-45. Published by G. Bell and Sons, Ltd., York House, Portugal Street, London, W.C.2. Price £2 5s.

During the war a directive was issued by the DST (director of supplies and transport) ordering R.A.S.C. operational theatres to collect records and information from which a history might eventually be compiled. Partly from this material, and from personal and unit narratives, The Story of the Royal Army Service Corps 1939-45 has now been compiled. The result is a volume of over 700 pages, which provides in interesting and readable form the work of the Corps in all theatres, over

Throughout the book the real problems of the Corps—shortage of officers, men and vehicles—continue, and it is inevitable that readers will wonder whether the situation would be repeated in the future. It is well known that R.A.S.C. units are frequently below strength, particularly in respect of vehicles. But, no doubt all is ready, now, for "mob"; we hope so, at least, for an army cannot move without petrol, cannot survive without supplies.

At its peak of war-time development, the Corps was feeding eight million men, and providing the enormous tonnage of petrol required by a mechanized army; transport, particularly of troops, was an additional task.

One of the major problems was the multiplicity of spare parts which were required for the variety of vehicles in use, but the cost and time taken in producing but the cost and time taken in producing a standard British vehicle during the critical 1939 shortage made this inevitable. The difficulty was largely overcome by the formation of transport units of at least platoon size (30 vehicles), devoted to the same task, and equipped as far as possible with vehicles of only one type. A platoon of 3-tonners could lift the marching porof an infantry battalion, "platoon strength" was well chosen on that basis alone. Towards the end of the war the

R.A.S.C. was operating nearly one and a half million vehicles, and undoubtedly the maintenance and repair of such a fleet would have imposed a serious load on the Corps' resources. However, in 1942, much to the dismay of the R.A.S.C., a complete reorganization took place on the recommendation of the Beveridge committee

Maintenance and repair of all vehicles and equipment became the responsibility of the newly formed Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. Routine unskilled servicing of their own vehicles remained a R.A.S.C. task.

Throughout The Story of the R.A.S.C. the responsibilities of the Corps in all campaigns and theatres of war, together with the home command, are carefully described, and interest never flags; this is very creditable, since the book is the work of many authors, and could easily have passed with dull historical ramblings.

The important part played by branches of the Corps less known by those outside the service—bakeries, mobile bath and laundry units, butcheries, air despatch and airborne R.A.S.C., animal transport and the R.A.S.C. fleet—is carefully recounted

by, in most cases, complete chapters.

A fair criticism is the extraordinary absence of any sort of key to the countless military abbreviations used throughout the book.

The Story concludes with a number of individual unit narratives, included for their particular interest value; then, at the

end, is recorded the great Roll of Honour of some 10,000 officers and men of the R.A.S.C. who died on active service.

The Story of the R.A.S.C. 1939-45 is excellently illustrated (94 photographs and maps, and 4 colour plates), and the standard of printing is high dard of printing is high.

Stirling Moss's Book of Motor Sport. Published by Cassell and Co., Ltd., 37-38, St. Andrew's Hill, Queen Victoria Street, E.C.4. Price 10s 6d.

One of the many pleasant things which people who know him say of Stirling Moss people who know him say of Stiring Moss is that he will always go out of his way to help other drivers, in giving them specific advice on, for instance, local speeds and tactics for a given circuit. Granted that, having revealed his secrets, he can still be virtually certain of better-ing his rivals' times, it is still a pleasing characteristic.

This book is intended primarily for the adolescent, and space is too limited for profundities on any aspect of the subject; nevertheless, even grown-ups will find it both informative and rewarding, and one senses once again that little is concealed. Here are chapters about the difficulties of becoming a racing-driver; preparation and driving of the cars; rallies, trials and sprints. There are diagrams and descrip-tions of the more famous circuits and an appreciative glance back through the pages of motor racing history.

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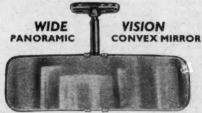
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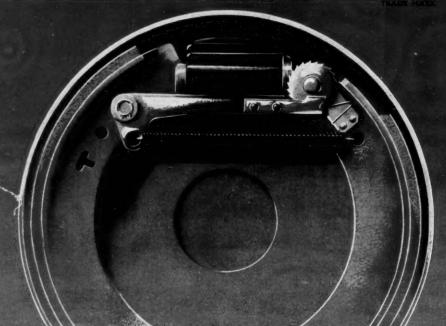


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